



Knights' Courier

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MONTGOMERY COUNCIL #2323
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June, 2008

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA

Dear Brother Knights,

Our fraternal year is coming to its close, and it is proper for us to turn our thoughts to the great work of our Grand Knight, Shannon Doherty, and all the other officers during the course of this year. We extend our appreciation and thanks to them for their dedication and service to our Council and to the many others outside the Knights who benefitted from their leadership. This "Thank You" also goes to those members of our Council who headed or served on various committees during the year. The Tootsie Roll effort comes to mind particularly, since so many of our members contributed a lot of time to that last fall.

We also recall with great delight the visit of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, to our area in April. Some of you were able to be present at the various venues where he made addresses in our area: the Nationals Park, the National Shrine, and the White House. Those who were privileged to get to see the Holy Father "close up" will have a lifetime-remembrance to return to, especially in difficult times and times of disappointment when we will need to look forward with hope and confidence.

The April issue of our Columbia magazine is a treasure-trove of events connected with the Holy Father's visit. If you still have that issue, I encourage you to read it diligently and appreciatively. He was here *for us*, and to shore up our hope, centered in Christ. We need that hope, and our world needs that hope. We simply can no longer trust in science and technology as the ultimate reliance. These can be of value, but their scope is far more limited than our society generally imagines. Our hearts were made for something (better yet, *Someone*) infinitely great and good, and they cannot be satisfied with anything less.

So, as we express our gratitude to our Council officers for their dedicated service during this past year, we express our gratitude to our good God above all, for all the good and all the benefits we have received are ultimately from Him, and from his love.

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

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY, JOHN DURBIN

Here we are, nearly at the end of this administration and looking forward to the new one beginning in July. There is still time to bring in those last two or three members that you need to hit your goal.

Nancy, Jill and I thank all of you for the kindness and understanding you extended to us during the past two years. District Warden Terry Sullivan and Jacki join us in thanking everyone.

A very special "Thank You" goes to Pat McAleer and Sally. Pat's hard work and long hours keep our councils in the hunt for Star Council and add to our numbers as he continually recruits new members. We thank Sally for supporting Pat's efforts.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as District Deputy for 2323, 6901, 11024, 11105, 12127, 13463 and 14297 (instituted in District 3 and later moved to another District).

We wish all of you continued success as we move forward and continue to build our councils and our Order.

A very, very special thank you goes to all wives for their support and help with everything that happens in the District. **We Need You!**

God bless all of you and thank you for a memorable two year term.

John, Nancy and Jill

District Deputy #3

Terry and Jacki

District Warden #3

FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, SHANNON DOHERTY

My Brothers All:

Anita and I attended the State convention last month and had a great time. I congratulate our State Deputy-Elect, Richard V. Siejack, and all our new State Officers on their elections. I encourage all brothers to attend a future convention and enjoy the festivities. Although I did not bring back council awards from the beach, I was proud that our District Deputy John Durbin and our brother councils in District 3 received the Honor District award for our participation in the Surge with Service program.

Our elections will be at the June business meeting. Please make an effort to attend and participate in the process.

The Council will be making an effort to assist the St. Martin's Pantry, that provides for those in need. At the social meeting each month we will be collecting dry or canned goods to be donated. We will also be taking collections to help Brother Leo Snyder purchase bags of rice to be given to the pantry. Please get behind this cause.

We will be having a membership drive at St. Francis of Assisi the weekend of June 7th and 8th. If you can help with this drive please contact me. We are close to making our quota for the year. One last push this month can put us over the top.

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

Fraternally,

Shannon H. Doherty, Grand Knight

What Might You be Missing?

If you're not currently receiving our e-mails, please send us your current e-mail address to add 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.

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.

“We stick together”

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

301-762-4448 email jndurbin@att.net

LEADERSHIP (2007-08)

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. Robert V. Zylla, O.S.C.	301-447-5641
Grand Knight	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Deputy Grand Knight	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
Chancellor	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Warden	John K. Leighton	301-340-9143
Recorder	Drew J. Hoffmaster	301-770-7840
Financial Secretary	James P. Cribbin, PGK, FDD	301-770-7784
Lecturer	Wilbur J. Wingo	301-869-6254
Treasurer	Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer	301-774-4262
Advocate	Michael S. Hamm	301-251-0939
Inside Guard	George F. Griffin, Jr.	301-424-5074
Outside Guards	Charles R. Durbin	301-460-4808
	Joseph M. Kempf	301-460-8918
Trustees	Guy W. Beaven, PGK (1 yr.)	301-921-9881
	Leo H. Snyder (2 yr.)	301-208-8930
	Kevin M. Ginley, PGK (3 yr.)	301-208-1170
Delegate	Kevin M. Ginley, PGK	301-208-1170
Convention Alt. #1	Open	
Convention Alt. #2	Open	

Council Activity Directors

Council	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
Church & Vocations	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Community	Calvin J. Ogden	301-990-8641
Pro-Life	Kevin & Bernadette Ginley	301-208-1170
Family	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Youth	Matthew E. Mongelli	301-251-2949
Membership	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Retention	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Fourth Degree	John L. Durbin, DD, PGK	301-762-4448
Refreshments	Michael F. Ambrosia	301-869-5115
Hall Rental	Robert E. Mongelli	301-984-9272
Public Relations	Guy W. Beaven, PGK	301-921-9881
Fraternal Benefits	Patrick B. McAleer, PGK	301-253-3856
Necrology	Joseph P. Zetts, PGK	301-762-6792

Building Corporation Board of Directors

President	Robert E. Mongelli (2 yr.)	301-984-9272
Vice President	Kevin J. Bean (1 yr.)	301-253-5512
Secretary	Mark F. Lynch (1 yr.)	301-977-0890
Treasurer	Paul J. Barrett, Sr., PGK, PCP (3 yr.)	301-762-3612
Maintenance	Paul M. Noga (3 yr.)	301-977-7922
Director	Michael E. Bean (1 yr.)	301-460-6193
Director	Matthew E. Mongelli (2 yr.)	301-251-2949
Director	Shannon H. Doherty (2 yr.)	301-963-5027
Director	Charles R. Durbin (3 yr.)	301-460-4808

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Deadline for entries is the 15th of each month (but earlier is better, if possible!)

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For questions or problems, please call Shannon Doherty, (301) 963-5027

Council Leadership for the Next Fraternal Year

We are currently seeking members willing to step up and serve our council in leadership roles. If you feel running for a chair office might be too much for you, please consider becoming a director of one of the Surge with Service programs.

The Surge With Service programs are envisioned by the state as the 5 areas of Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth. Each of these has a few activities that occur during the fraternal year. Serving our council as director of one of these areas is as simple as helping us organize the events. If you are already helping in one or more of these areas, you should step up to own the director title and be recognized for your efforts.

Beyond Surge With Service programs there is a "Life Chair Couple". You may already be working with your parish on Right to Life issues. Bringing your current activities into our council and sharing this work with us is invaluable in our growth together as a council.

We are also looking for members to take a leadership role recruiting new members from their parish. If you would be willing to help organize one or more of the membership drives that occur throughout the year, please step up and take the lead.

And don't be afraid to introduce new ideas you may have. It is by working together that we grow as a council. Any small contribution to the efforts of our council will lighten the workload for all of us.

Randy Drago

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR

Our council's election of officers is currently open through the day of the election which will occur at the next business meeting on June 3rd, 2008.

If you are interested in becoming an officer or playing a larger role in the process of our council, please be sure to attend the election meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please contact me with your interests - Randy Drago at 301-963-7521.

I can also be reached by email at: randy@kofc2323.org

Thanks to those of you who have already reached out to me. I look forward to discussing the opportunities we have in the coming year.

The following is the current list of nominees for the fraternal year 2008-2009:

Grand Knight: Randy A. Drago	Advocate: Joseph M. Kempf
Deputy Grand Knight: Chris H. Dierken	Inside Guard: George F. Griffin, Jr.
Chancellor: John K. Leighton	Outside Guards: Russell Kennedy
Warden: Victor Somado	Charles R. Durbin
Recorder: Larry Royster	Trustees: Leo H. Snyder (1 Year)
Financial Secretary: James P. Cribbin, PGK	Kevin M. Ginley (2 Year)
Treasurer: Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer	Shannon H. Doherty (3 Year)
Lecturer: Wilbur G. Wingo	Delegate: Shannon H. Doherty, PGK

Additional nominations from the Council floor will be accepted by our current Grand Knight Shannon Doherty. Please do your best to make sure you are there !

Randy Drago

Installation of Officers for Fraternal Year 2008-2009

On Saturday morning, July 12th, 2008, Montgomery Council #2323, will be conducting the Installation of Council Officers at the Shrine of Saint Jude in Rockville.

The Installation will commence following the 8:30 am Mass. A reception following the Installation will be held at Father Cuddy Hall in Derwood, Maryland. Council officers are encouraged to wear tuxedos with white dinner jackets, and ladies are being asked to wear Sunday dress.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this ceremonial event for our council.

The Shrine of Saint Jude's address is 12701 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20853.

From the Supreme Council

**Information for this section is drawn from the Supreme's website,
<http://www.kofc.org>
(The following was taken directly as written, obviously prior to arrival.)**



Coming in the June Issue of *Columbia*

Pope Benedict XVI's triumphant apostolic journey to the United States last April is recounted in a special issue of *Columbia* featuring dozens of photographs and excerpts from his homilies and addresses.

The Papal Visit: Catholics Reflect



Poll: Big Shift Among Practicing and Non-Practicing Catholics After Papal Visit

New polling data released May 8 by the Knights of Columbus shows that Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April produced a sharp jump in the proportion of American Catholics with a more positive view of the pope following his trip. The information provides data specifically about Catholics, and is a companion to an analysis released April 30 about the views of Americans generally.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May 2008

THE GRASS SEEMS GREENER

We all know the old adage – the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying – *Read the fine print*.

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here – pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period - typically two years - after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace – or worse, drop - your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

I look forward to meeting with each of you. I'm at (301) 253-3856, or pmckofc@verizon.net – let's talk.

Patrick B. McAleer, PGK

From the Maryland State Council

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

State Free Throw Winner

Congratulations to Alexis Nettles - First Place Winner in the State Free Throw Competition for the 11-Year Old Girls Group. Alexis was sponsored by Montgomery Council 2323.

K of C Day at Camden Yards

An upcoming family activity, Knights of Columbus Day at Camden Yards, will take place on June 13th when the Baltimore Orioles will take on the Pittsburgh Pirates. Game time is 7:05 and the cost is only \$15.00. For every ticket sold, the Orioles will contribute \$5.00 to the Maryland State Scholarship Fund. Now that's a win-win. For more information or order form contact Orioles Baseball Chairman David Zakrzwski at 301-371-9997 or zakrzwski@adelphia.net. Remember, as a Knight of Columbus you and your families are NEVER ALONE. Vivat Jesus.

FAMILY SOCIALS

Our next family night will be on Thursday, June 12th at 6pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salad and french fries are on the menu this time. This will be the last family night until September, so come kick off the summer. Wear your school colors and bring a pot luck dessert to match your school allegiance (e.g., Terp cupcakes, etc.)

The charity this month will be the Yellow Ribbon fund. Please come and help support our troops.

The **Yellow Ribbon Fund** was created in early 2005 to assist our injured service members and their families while they recuperate at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. The Fund's mission began when the father of an injured Marine introduced two Fund volunteers to staff at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval. These staff told the Yellow Ribbon Fund volunteers what needs were not met by other donors and programs.

Who We Help - Every day the Yellow Ribbon Fund hears of service members and their families who can use our assistance. We do our best by offering free car rentals, cab vouchers, hotel rooms, apartments, job mentoring and internship programs and free tickets to cultural and sporting events. It is the generosity of our friends and donors that makes this possible.

Coordinators – Mike Bean, Chuck Durbin, Pat Gilroy, Matt McCormick, Victor Muzzatti, Bob Scanlon, Mark Stiles and Mark Tafuri families - and others we may have missed – THANKS. THESE EVENTS HAVE BEEN “LOOKING FORWARD TO” NIGHTS.

Knights of Columbus Alcohol & Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Fifty students at St. Mary's School entered the Knights of Columbus Alcohol & Substance Abuse Awareness Contest this year.

Grade 2-3:

1st Place - Elizabeth Durbin
2nd Place - Jessica Gillcrist
3rd Place - Isabelle Sadeghi
Honorable Mention - Justin Gillcrist

Grade 4-5:

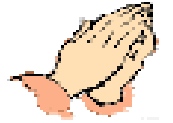
1st Place - Sofia Muzzatti
2nd Place - Jack Blackwell
3rd Place - Brad Daly
Honorable Mention
Clare Finnell, Francis Griffin, Sean Gilroy, Gavin Sheehan

Grade 6-8:

1st Place - Elena Silva
2nd Place - Samantha Durbin
3rd Place - Cara Sanneman
Honorable Mention - Jarrod Sheehan



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 . . .

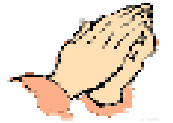


Of Thanksgiving for Many Blessings and Prayers Already Answered; and For Restoration of Health, we especially pray for:

Leo Ativa, Paul Barrett, Jr.; Guy Beaven, Georgia Bentley, Patrick Burke, Lenore Cribbin, Lenny D'Costa, Patty Delaney, Helen Dunn, Mike Elsesser, Joseph B. Good, William J. Howard, Kevin Hulse, Ted Kennedy, Rosemary McAleer, Joe McNulty, Bill Ponton, Ganon Riordan, Louis Silvel, and Military Personnel Worldwide



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .



For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones of:

Bernadette Outsen, Ana Marie Vargas, Victims in China and Myramar

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

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Date: May 20, 2008

From: Wayne L. Miller PGK, Msgr. Thomas Wells Counsel 13008, Disabled Veteran and Gold Medalist

Subject: National Disabled Veterans Sports Events

To: Fellow Sir Knights, Brother Knights and friends of Disabled Veterans,

This year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in July 24-30 of 2008, in Omaha, Nebraska. Our medical center is hopeful to send a team of 10 - 12 disabled veterans to compete in this National Event. We are hopeful that you and your organization will assist in supporting our veteran team. The team consists of WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and others areas of service.

Participation in these events can change the lives of our veterans and improve their quality of life. The veterans receive ongoing rehabilitation, restoration and gratification in conquering obstacles and challenges throughout the event week that can be utilized in their everyday lives. Veterans return from these events with a renewed sense of purpose, positive attitude, and the determination and motivation to conquer their disability/impairment and lead a more active higher functioning lifestyle.

Your organization can sponsor a team and contribute to improving the quality of life for our nation's veterans in supporting their efforts in competing in a wide variety of sporting events at the National level. Contributions and support from your organization will enable these veterans to participate in these events. (Lodging, airfare and team uniforms) The approximate cost per veteran is **\$1500.00**.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to hearing from you real soon. For assistance please call **Stephanie Burns at (202) 745-8000 x8322**.

To forward payments please make checks payable to VA General Post Fund #1182, VAMC, Voluntary Service (135); 50 Irving Street NW, Washington DC 20422.

Your donations help me to live a more normal life. With out your help, I and many other veterans would have to pay the entire amount.

Vivot Jesus,

Wayne L. Mille, PGK r/Disabled Veteran

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COUNCIL SCHEDULE

June 3	Council Meeting - ELECTIONS	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
June 13	K of C Day at Camden Yards	7:05 p.m.	Camden Yards
June 15	Father's Day		
June 17	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
June 19	Sullivan Brothers Assembly Meeting		Father Cuddy Hall
July 12	Installation of Officers Masst	Following 8:30 a.m. Mass	Shrine of St. Jude, Rockville