



# Knights' Courier



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

Dear Brother Knights,

The end of May and beginning of June has been a “roller-coaster” time for me. I attended ordinations in Peoria and preached at a First Mass. The next week I was in Denver for one of our Mount alumni ordained in 1985, for his being ordained as an auxiliary bishop of Denver. Then I went to Minnesota where I visited with some of my family and relatives for a few days; then to Onamia, where we Crosiers have our largest monastery. Virtually all the members of our American Province were gathered for a week of meetings and fruitful discussions. Yet, as you can understand, all these events combined took their toll on my weary bones...

Now we are poised on the threshold of our new Columbian Year. I hope that a large number of you will be able to participate in the Mass on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>, for the installation of our new Grand Knight, Randy Drago, and our other officers. It will be a fine way to begin our Council's new year.

I'm cutting this message short—because I'm late, and because you probably want to get back to your favorite summer activities, too.

I look forward to seeing you to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother on August 15. We'll have social time following Mass.

May the Good Lord bless and protect us all.  
Fr. Robert Zylla, O.S.C., Chaplain

**FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY**

I wish to offer my most sincere congratulations to the incoming Grand Knights of our new district, **District #30**. Nancy and I are looking forward to serving the Councils in every way we can. It is an honor to be selected by our State Deputy to act as advisor and guide during the coming year. We need to work together to make our District a close knit group that serves the needs of all concerned. There will be some give and take on the part of everyone to get our First and Second degrees scheduled for the coming year and to set up the installation of officers for the various councils. Working together, we will get it done.

The State Deputy's theme for this administration is "WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE" **Jesus I Trust In You!** We as Knights of Columbus are called without thinking about it. Our Service Programs provide the opportunity to accomplish this task. Become active in Church, Community, Council, Youth and Family activities and we cannot help but SERVE.

It is my pleasure to introduce the new Grand Knights and their wives of our new District:

Council 2323	Randy Drago and Amanda	(Montgomery)
Council 6793	John Moore and Pat	(Fr Peter Paul Maher)
Council 12127	Jim Barr and Cindy	(Our Lady of Guadalupe)
Council 13463	Ricardo Gomez and Elida	(San Juan Diego)

The District Officers are:

DISTRICT DEPUTY	John Durbin and Nancy (2323)
DISTRICT WARDEN	Jack Giacalone and Phyllis (6793)

Please invite all fellow Grand Knights and wives to your installations and all social functions throughout the coming year. We are family and let's have fun as a family and enjoy the coming year. Jack, Phyllis, Nancy and I look forward to our first term together assisting our councils in any way we can.

God Bless all of you and your families and God Bless AMERICA!

VIVAT JESUS  
John Durbin, DD#30

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

It is an honor to be a part of this council, and an honor to follow in the footsteps of the legacy of great leaders this council has had throughout all the years since 1921. I would like to extend special Thanks to Shannon Doherty for all the great work he performed for us during this previous year. The new programs that were introduced during his tenure have helped to build the momentum this council needs.

The election of officers was completed at our business meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Everyone, please welcome the new slate of officers who are being called to serve our council for the fraternal year 2008-2009:

Grand Knight: **Randy A. Drago**  
Deputy Grand Knight: **Chris H. Dierken**  
Chancellor: **John K. Leighton**  
Warden: **Victor Somado**  
Recorder: **Larry Royster**  
Financial Secretary: **James P. Cribbin, PGK**  
Treasurer: **Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer**  
Lecturer: **Wilbur G. Wingo**

Advocate: **Joseph M. Kempf**  
Inside Guard: **George F. Griffin, Jr.**  
Outside Guards: **Russell Kennedy**  
**Charles R. Durbin**  
Trustees: **Leo H. Snyder** (1 Year)  
**Kevin M. Ginley** (2 Year)  
**Shannon H. Doherty** (3 Year)  
Delegate: **Shannon H. Doherty, PGK**

Delegate Alternates: 1) **Patrick B. McAleer, PGK** 2) **John L. Durbin, PFN, PGK, DD**

**“We are Called to Serve”** is the theme of our new State Deputy, Dick Siejack. This is an impressive choice of words from a man who obviously understands the meaning of the commitment we each made when we joined the Knights of Columbus.

And with this commitment comes great spiritual reward! This organization is a gift that allows each of us to bear our humility, and serve one another as we perform our charitable works together. In my own personal journey, the brotherhood I have experienced within this organization has allowed me to grow and to help define myself, as a living, spiritually growing Catholic man.

There will be many opportunities in the coming year for each of us to fulfill our role of being called to serve. You will be called, and asked to help, as we serve our Church, Council, Community, Family, and Youth.

Please don't hesitate to call me. My role is to serve this council, and to help each of us find the ways we can help – as “We are called to Serve”!

Fraternally,  
Randy Drago, Grand Knight

### **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. **Please RSVP to me if you expect to attend to help us with the planning for the event.** (Randy Drago / 301-963-7521 / [randy@kofc2323.org](mailto:randy@kofc2323.org))

There will be a practice for the installation on **Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7 pm** at the Shrine of Saint Jude. **All officers need to attend this session so that we can be properly prepared for the Installation.**

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

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS AND FAMILY SOCIAL**

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother will be celebrated on Friday, August 15. Father Zylla has put us on his calendar to celebrate Mass at the hall at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be followed by a Family Pot Luck and Social. Knights Families and Friends and Sullivan Brothers Assembly Families and Friends are invited.

Names A through F, please bring a dessert. Names G through M, please bring a side dish. Names N through Z, please bring a main dish or appetizer.

**JUNE FAMILY NIGHT A FUN SUCCESS . . . SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 12**

On Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> we had our family night to raise funds for the Yellow Ribbon fund, The Yellow Ribbon Fund was created in 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. It provides hotel rooms and transportation for out of town families while visiting there loved ones here in DC. We had over 100 people attend, raising \$765.00.

Thanks to all who helped - the money is going to a good cause. A special thanks to the Kevin Ginley Band who made an un-advertised appearance. It was nice having a live band. Thanks for helping: Pat Gilroy, Mike Bean, Bob Scanlon, Matt McCormick, Victor Muzzatti, Ryan Gilroy, Michelle Bean, Mike Thomas, Mark Hannon, and of course the Kevin Ginley Band. With out you we could make it happen.

The next Family will not be till September so see you then.

Mike Bean

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**07/01/08 through 06/30/09**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Council Events	5,550	Administrative	2,350
Dues	13,500	Appreciation Night	200
Interest	2,800	Church Activity	3,000
Raffles	2,700	Civic Donations	200
Spaghetti Dinner	2,000	Convention	1,500
Tootsie Rolls	<u>13,000</u>	Courier	1,000
		Degrees	300
		Donations	18,000
Total Income	\$39,550	Family Awards	100
		Fraternal Donations	1,100
		GK Contingency	400
		Installation	800
		Per Capita	3,400
		PGK. Dinner	300
		Postage	2,500
		Recruitment	200
		Sr. Citizens Dance	1,200
		Sick & Deceased	1,500
		Youth	<u>1,500</u>
		Total Expenses	\$39,550

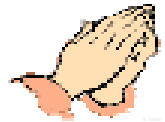
**TOOTSIE ROLLS COMING SOON**

It will soon be tootsie roll time, a seasonal highlight for our Council and all Knights in service to the mentally handicapped of Montgomery County. I will soon be organizing this year's events and look forward to working with you to make this year's event as successful as years past. Please see the next Courier for details.

Fraternally,  
John Leighton, Chancellor



**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, Rebecca Ferrow, Marth Gillis, Joseph B. Good, William J. Howard, Kevin Hulse, Luis Jovell, Jr., Ted Kennedy, Rosemary McAleer, Joe McNulty, Fran PaePeke, Bill Ponton, Ganon Riordan, Jim Scoli, Louis Silvel, Father Zylla, and Military Personnel Worldwide



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



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

John Thomas Cribbin, Joan Cumming, Robert Scott Stuber, Olivia Sweeney

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

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## **COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

July 1	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 10	Installation Practice	7:00 p.m.	Shrine of St. Jude
July 12	Installation of Officers	Follows 8:30 a.m. Mass	Shrine of St. Jude
July 15	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 17	Sullivan Brothers Assembly Meeting		Father Cuddy Hall
August 5	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 15	Feast of the Assumption Mass Family Pot Luck - 2323 & Sullivan Brothers	Mass at 7:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 19	First Degree	Candidates arrive at 7:15 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 21	Sullivan Brothers Assembly Meeting		Father Cuddy Hall
September 12	Family Night Returns		Father Cuddy Hall
September-October	Tootsie Roll Drive		