



Knights' Courier



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FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA

Dear Brother Knights,

Our new Grand Knight and the other Council Officers have been duly installed; our fraternal year is off to a fine start. Our Grand Knight and others in the council will be asking all the members for a contribution of their time for the programs that we wish to undertake or to continue this year. Not everybody can do everything; but each of us has a particular part to contribute. In the spirit of our brotherhood, I urge each of you to make your contribution in accordance with the gifts that God has given you. For some, this may mean only one project or one occasion during the year. For others, this may mean continuous giving, participating monthly or at least on numerous occasions throughout this fraternal year. Brothers, let us give according to the measure and the ways God has gifted us. In that way the whole will be complete, each contributing what God expects of him.

It is against the background of God's gifting us that we can view our role in the Knights of Columbus, and in the Church, and in the world. We don't create the pattern; God does. But it is especially through our participation in the work and the projects of the Knights that we become better family members, better Catholics and better citizens of this world. And while the vast majority of the Knights make their contribution on the local level, in and through their Councils and parishes, some are called to serve on a broader and State level, some on the Supreme level of the Knights. (Some may be going to the Supreme Convention in early August...) God's plan is mysterious and magnificent, for each individual and for the whole. Let us strive to be attentive to it, to be open to it, and to be diligent in carrying out our part. How beneficial for ourselves, how beneficial for others!

And May the Lord grant us a restful and peaceful August!

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

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

As I write this report the month of July is nearly a memory and one-twelfth of our new fraternal year is history. I know the time was used for planning and organizing what is to come in the months ahead. Keep in mind how quickly this first month has passed and you will have some idea of how little time we have to expand our membership, implement our programs and grow in our faith. Make the time count!

Membership as always is the first thing we need to consider. Our councils need to grow or we will not survive and we can not hold onto those who no longer wish to be part of our number for whatever reason. For the most part we lose the brothers who take their first degree and do not progress to the higher degrees. This probably happens because when they attend a meeting or activity, they are not made to feel like part of the group. None of us would attend any activities if we were ignored. We must make a greater effort to retain these brothers. Why not call someone you have not seen at a meeting or function and just ask how they are doing. Do not ask for anything, just show that you care about them.

Recruiting: Most of us find breaking the ice with a stranger difficult, I know that I do. What I have found to work is to identify those prospects that I intend to recruit ahead of time. I find out their name and call them by name when they leave mass and establish a familiar, friendly, casual contact before I invite them to join us, some will and some will not but in the process, I have started what may be a friendship.

DEGREES SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

First Degree @ Montgomery Council #2323 @ 8:00pm candidates 7:30pm

STATE ACTIVITIES

Supreme Convention in Quebec August 5,6,7 2008

August 23, 2008 Testimonial for IPSD Edgar Haynes @ Cardinal Gibbons

August 31, 2008 State Picnic @ Patapsco State Park

DISTRICT

Installation 12127 Our Lady of Guadalupe August 9th 5:00pm @ St John Neumann.

Installation 13463 San Juan Diego August 30th 2:00pm @ St Martin of Tours

“We Are Called to Serve”

Vivat Jesus

John L. Durbin, District Deputy #30

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Our Council Installation of Officers was held July 12th, at the Shrine of Saint Jude in Rockville. The ceremony was a wonderful experience. I would like to congratulate the incoming Officers, and thank all of those who helped to make this event a success.

At the reception, our Worthy State Secretary Peter Davio, delivered a great talk on what being a Knight of Columbus means to each of us. I would like to thank him for taking time from his busy schedule to be with us, and to inspire us with his wisdom and insight.

As we enter our second month of the fraternal year, I am writing an appeal to each of you to request your support for the many charitable activities planned for our council. Each will happen by the efforts and support of our council members and families.

Although it can be difficult to find extra time in your schedule to perform the charitable works being requested, I ask you all to examine the opportunities you have. The rewards are countless.

When it may seem tedious to accept missing your favorite football team to help collect money for the mentally handicapped of Montgomery County, or to assist with other youth, community, church, and family activities, try to remember what the experience really means, and how this effort helps you grow to become a better Catholic.

Try to remember the power of prayer, and how it will help each of us. When you perform these charitable works, realize it is a form of prayer. You are making the effort to become a better Catholic.

Please be aware and know that your hard work is observed and appreciated by others in our community. And please, participate with us this year, as we become better Catholics together.

Fraternally,

Randy Drago
Grand Knight

LEADERSHIP

Council Officers 2008-09

Chaplain	Rev. Robert V. Zylla, O.S.C.	301-447-5641
Grand Knight	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
Deputy Grand Knight	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Chancellor	John K. Leighton	301-340-9143
Warden	Victor Somado	301-869-5950
Recorder	Larry Royster	301-424-5674
Financial Secretary	James P. Cribbin, PGK, FDD	301-770-7784
Lecturer	Wilbur G. Wingo	301-869-6254
Treasurer	Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer	301-774-4262
Advocate	Joseph M. Kempf	301-460-8918
Inside Guard	George F. Griffin, Jr.	301-424-5074
Outside Guards	Russell Kennedy	
	Charles R. Durbin	301-460-4808
Trustees	Leo H. Snyder (1 yr.)	301-208-8930
	Kevin M. Ginley, (2 yr.)	301-208-1170
	Shannon H. Doherty (3 yr.)	301-963-5027
Delegate	Shannon H. Doherty, PGK	301-963-5027
Delegate Alt. #1	Patrick B. McAleer, PGK	301-253-3856
Delegate Alt. #2	John L. Durbin, PFN, PGK, DD	301 762-4448

Council Activity Directors 2008-09

Council	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Church & Vocations	John K. Leighton	301-340-9143
Community	Calvin J. Ogden	301-990-8641
Pro-Life	Kevin & Bernadette Ginley	301-208-1170
Family	Michael E. Bean	301-460-6193
Youth	Matthew E. Mongelli	301-251-2949
Membership	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Retention	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
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	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
Fraternal Benefits	Patrick B. McAleer, PGK	301-253-3856
Necrology	Joseph P. Zetts, PGK	301-762-6792

Building Corporation Board of Directors 2008-09

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
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Director	Michael E. Bean (1 yr.)	301-460-6193
Director	Matthew E. Mongelli (2 yr.)	301-251-2949
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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.

SOFTBALL TEAM MAKES DONATION

Members of our Softball team made a \$100 donation for the Nicole Lee memorial at Magruder's softball field/complex. Nicole Lee, who was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church and an avid softball player at Magruder, was killed in a car accident during the winter. The memorial will include a new bullpen area for pitchers and catchers, a patio, retaining wall and bench for use during softball, and a place of reflection when not in use as a softball facility.

Mike Thomas

KNIGHTS SOFTBALL TEAM WINS BIG

Our Softball team won its Division in the City of Rockville with a 16-4 record. They came in second in the City Championship playoffs. Their overall record was 19-6. It was a great season.

Congratulations to team members: Mark Arena, Kevin Bean, Mike Bean, Jeff Brink, Ron Dimaranan, Mike Frazier, Ken Fearon, Pat Gilroy, Jeff Isreal, Paul Loebach, Pete Loebach, Mike Maslanka, Matt Mongelli, Bob Mongelli, Mike Thomas and Brian Winner. Congratulations Team.

Mike Thomas

MONTGOMERY COUNCIL SUPPORTS ST. MARTIN'S PANTRY

This year, we want to renew our support for the St. Martin's Food Pantry. Each month, as part of the social meeting (second meeting each month), we'll accept monetary donations for the Pantry. Contact Leo Snyder if you have specific questions, (301) 208-8930.

SEPTEMBER FAMILY NIGHT AND SOCCER SHOOTOUT . . .
SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 12

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTGOMERY PICNIC

Montgomery Council will hold their Seventh annual picnic for our Special Olympians of Montgomery County on September 20, 2008 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The location is Father Cuddy Hall. The committee would like help from any one that may be interested.

Thank you,

John & Nancy Durbin (Chairs)
301-762-4448
jndurbin@att.net

TOOTSIE ROLLS COMING SOON

The Annual Tootsie Roll campaign is just around the corner!! This is one of the most visible ways in which we respond to the call for charity and show who the Knights are to the community. I am looking for captain for several stores in the Rockville-Gaithersburg-Derwood area. We also need help manning the stores for a couple of hours for one or several weekends in late September and in October, as your schedule permits. This is a great way for new members to get involved, particularly if you cannot make the evening meetings. Please call 301 340 9143 or email me at cin2mon@verizon.net. Additional information will be available soon on the website at www.kofc2323.org.

Fraternally,
John Leighton, Chancellor

LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

Have you ever heard the expression “lazy days of summer?” While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it’s easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I’ll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you’ve had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated.

I’ll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford. When we meet, you’ll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let’s get together soon. Because summer is not only busy, it’s also coming to an end.

I’m at (301) 253-3856 or pmckofc@verizon.net. Call me – Patrick B. McAleer, PGK

COLUMBUS DAY BALL

All are invited to enjoy the State Council’s Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 11, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at LaFontaine in Glen Burnie. Tickets are only \$42.50 per person, which covers deluxe, sit-down dinner, premium open bar, dancing and music by the Monaldi Brothers. Contact Randy Drago (301) 963-7521.

PLEASE SEE OUTSIDE COVER FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

October 2	First Degree	8:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe
October 7	Executive Committee and Council Meeting	7:15 p.m and then 8:00 pm	Father Cuddy Hall
October 7	First Degree	Candidates arrive at 7:15 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
October 11	Maryland State Columbus Day Ball	7:30 pm to 12:30 am	Glen Burnie, MD
October 12	Columbus Day Parade		Baltimore
October 13	Columbus Day Celebration		Washington, DC
October 15	McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
October 16	Sullivan Brothers Assembly Social Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
October 18	Second Degree	2:00 p.m. (Saturday)	Father Cuddy Hall
October 26 (tentative)	Children's Halloween Party	3:00 p.m. (tentative)	Father Cuddy Hall



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, Marteen Aucremanne, 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



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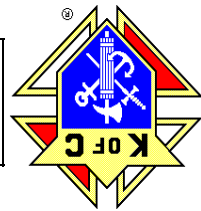
For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones of:

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

August 5	Executive Committee then Council Meeting	7:15 p.m. then 8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 15	Feast of the Assumption	Mass at 7:00 p.m. then Pot Luck	Father Cuddy Hall
August 19	First Degree	Candidates arrive at 7:15 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 21	Sullivan Brothers Assembly Social Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 31	State Picnic	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Patapsco State Park
Sept – Oct	Tootsie Roll Drive		
September 1	Labor Day		
September 2	Executive Committee then Council Meeting	7:15 p.m. Then 8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
September 12	Family Night w/ Soccer Shoot Out approx 7:00	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
September 13	Senior Citizens Dinner Dance	5:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
September 16	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
September 18	Sullivan Brothers Business Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
September 20	Special Olympics Picnic	1:00 -2:30 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
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