



Knights' Courier



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FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA

Dear Brother Knights,

This month it's not enough to turn a *new page* in the calendar, we must begin a *new calendar*. The calendar may be similar to the one, or ones, we used last year, but it will have some distinctive new features or additions, too. Maybe it features historical comparisons of the founding of our parish versus our contemporary situation. Maybe it's a Norman Rockwell reproduction. Maybe it is based on the liturgical calendar and reminds us of the various saints day by day, week by week. It may be small print or large print pages, reminding us of our bank or of our parish. Bottom line: we all move along, in step, regardless of the minor differences.

No one of us knows what lies in store for us this year. But God knows. And fortunately, in his Providence, He knows in advance what lies in store for each and for all. It is eminently reasonable, then, that we entrust ourselves to Him and to his Providential care. Since we know of his love and care for us, we can entrust ourselves without undue fear or apprehension. We will be far better off entrusting ourselves to Him than trying to do it ourselves or entrusting ourselves to someone else who, in the end, is also pitifully limited.

Basically that is what lies behind the practice of making "New Year's Resolutions". We must both continue on our path and we also must make changes. If the changes and the continuity are based on God's plan for us, it will be a *Happy New Year*. Otherwise, it will be frustration to a greater or lesser degree. I hope that each of us, sharing in the values of the Knights of Columbus, and based on the grace of our Baptism and the various lights that God gives to us by the Holy Spirit, we will direct our lives along the path the Christ has set forth for us. Only to that extent will we find 2009 to be a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

Happy New Year!

We have completed half of our fraternal year and it has really been great. Our Councils have held so many activities in the Surge with Service areas that it is hard to believe there is more to come. I know there will be more and I look forward to taking part in as many as I can. Keep up the good work and do not coast for the second half. There are so many things we can accomplish.

A good start for January would be to take part in the Basketball Free Throw competition. I would really like to see all councils in District 30 participate in some way. The kit is available from Supreme. Give it some thought and even if there are only a few participants, it will be something to build on for the coming years. The District competition under the direction of District Warden Jack Giacalone will be in February and will be hosted by Terry Waters of 12127 Our Lady of Guadalupe Council.

Membership is also critical during the second half of the fraternal year. Many of you are getting very close to your totals for Star Council. We have the opportunity during January to really build on our membership numbers. I encourage all of you to ask just one man at mass to join us and bring his family into the Order of the Knights of Columbus. We have First Degrees scheduled for **January 28** @ 6793 Father Maher, **February 5** @ 12127 Our Lady of Guadalupe and **February 17** @ 2323 Montgomery.

The Second Degrees scheduled near us are **January 9** @ Rock Creek Council and **January 20** @ Father Rosensteel Council. The Third Degrees scheduled for our area are on **January 16, 2009** at Rock Creek Council in Bethesda and Father Rosensteel Council on **February 13th**. This is a chance to bring many of our First Degree brothers through the second and third steps of their journey to Knighthood.

We need to be mindful that the 4th Degree Exemplification is fast approaching. March 22, 2009 is the date set aside for this very important event. I am sure there are many 3rd degree Knights that need to be asked to step up to the Patriotic Degree. Grand Knights our time is running out. Please remind your councils that you whole heartedly support the 4th Degree and encourage all 3rd degree members to contact the Faithful Navigators of the Assemblies covering District 30 and get the information that they need to apply. I too have the information and I will gladly share it and pass your applications on to the Assembly of your choice.

The March for Life is scheduled for January 22, 2009. If for some reason you can not participate in the March, I encourage all councils to plan some sort of Church activity to pray for Life. We live our Faith when we serve those in need and strive for justice. It is vitally important that we turn out and show our opposition to the so called "Freedom of Choice Act" that destroys everything we have gained opposing Roe v Wade.

May God Bless our Efforts
Vivat Jesus

John L. Durbin, District Deputy

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

It was a very busy month of December at our council. Our Joint Communion Mass and Breakfast on December 7th was well attended by our council members, the Sullivan Brothers, and members from Mayanet and Peter Paul Maher councils. Mass was followed by a wonderful breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee and juices prepared by Tom Banfield and his kitchen crew. Thanks to the Sullivan Brothers for providing color corps presence for the event.

The Council Christmas party on December 13th was spectacular. Wilbur Wingo, his wife Clare, and two sons Joey and Jimmy, prepared three turkeys and trays of ham. Side dishes from the guests filled the food tables with a super feast that was enjoyed by all. The event raised \$541 cash and 25 gifts for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, and gifts for recovering veterans at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval hospitals (this effort was sponsored by the Sullivan Brothers).

The Children's Christmas Party was held the following day, December 14th at 3PM. Thanks to Laura and Matt Mongelli for making this event successful. Lots of children had a great time decorating personalized Christmas ornaments, building gingerbread houses, and other crafts. A surprise visit from Santa was the highlight of this party.

The Christmas Party for Special Olympics was held on December 19th. Music selection was provided by Past Grand Knight Ted Virts. The Disco Ball and lighting was provided by Past Grand Knight Kevin Ginley. And Santa Claus was there for a special visit. The evening was lively and filled with eating and dancing. It was a great time for all involved.

The March For Life will be held on January 22nd in Washington, DC. Your support is needed for this event. Please see the insert inside this issue for details.

On January 25th from 3 until 7 pm, we will be holding our Annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the Medical Mission in Haiti. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there to support this very worthy cause. Check for the ad in this issue or contact Mike Thomas for further details.

The Tootsie Roll Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday February 7th starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm in the Trumpet Room at Saint Raphael's parish. Members are encouraged to attend and experience together the outcome from all the hard work we put into the Tootsie Roll Drive. Council #2323 will be sponsoring the Special Olympics again this year with a sizable contribution. Please contact me for a seating reservation at our council table.

Our Shrove Tuesday Mass and Pancake supper will be held on February 24th. This will be followed by two Lenten Fish Fry's in March, on the 6th and 27th. Please mark your calendar and check back for more details. Check the calendar (at the end of the issue) for other items of interest.

I hope the New Year is filled with joy and blessings for you and your families.

Fraternally,

Randy Drago
Grand Knight

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.

TOOTSIE ROLLS UPDATE

The Tootsie Roll Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday February 7th starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm in the Trumpet Room at Saint Raphael's parish. Please contact John Leighton if you'd like to attend. (301) 340-9143.

Following are results of our efforts.

Council #2323 - Tootsie Roll Drive 2008

Date & Times	Location	Captain & Phone Number	Amount Collected
Sept 21 - after mass	Saint Martin's Parish	Chris Dierken - 301-948-4238	\$ 497.55
Sept 20,21 - 9am to 9pm	Norberk-Bauer Safeway	Joe Kempf - 301-460-8918	\$ 907.85
Sept 27,28 - after mass	Saint Mary's Parish	Drew Hoffmaster - 301-770-7840	\$ 1,550.00
Sept 27,28 - 9am to 9pm	Kentlands Giant	Randy Drago - 301-963-7521	\$ 1,038.40
Oct 11,12 - 9am to 9pm	Rockshire Giant	John Leighton - 301-340-9143	\$ 225.00
Oct 11,12 - after mass	Saint Francis Parish	Lewis Tillis - 301-340-9143	\$ 1,010.00
Oct 11,12,13 - 9am to 9pm	Germantown WalMart	George Silvas - 301-977-4097	\$ 525.33
Oct 24,25 - 9am to 9pm	Shady Grove Giant	Shannon Doherty - 301-963-5027	\$ 100.00
Nov 8,9 - 9am to 9pm	King Farm Safeway - CANCELLED	Kevin Ginley - 301-208-1170	\$ 0
Total			\$ 5,854.13

Thanks for your support of this year's drive.
Call John Leighton for information - 301-340-9143

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
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Fourth Degree	John L. Durbin, DD, PGK	301-762-4448
Refreshments	Michael F. Ambrosia	301-869-5115
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For questions or problems, please call Randy Drago, (301) 963-7521

DUES ARE DUE!

Well, really dues are past-due. Please be sure your dues for the current fraternal year are paid. If you are unsure, just contact the Financial Secretary, Pat Cribbin, 301 770 7784, or cribbin1@msn.com. Dues may be mailed to Knights of Columbus, Montgomery Council 2323, P.O. Box 5626, Derwood, MD 20855-0626.

FAMILY NIGHT

The December Family Night was another big success, with over \$1,000 being raised for the "Family in Need" program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There were over 80 people who attended and a good time was had by all. The kids enjoyed a Christmas carol competition, arts and crafts, games and the usual enjoyment of playing outside.

Through your continued support, we have now raised over \$6,100 for various charities - Thank you! Our next dinner will be held on January 9th, hope to see you there.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

There will be an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Father Cuddy Hall. The dinner includes salad, bread and beverages. This dinner will raise funds for a Medical Mission to Haiti that is in dire need of drugs & medications; vitamins; hospital expenses for patients; and other necessities. The cost is \$35 for family; \$10.00 for adults (ages 14 & above); \$7.00 for children (ages 7 to 13); and, free for children 6 and under. Please make reservations by calling Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970.

Special Olympians Celebrating the Christmas Season, Father Cuddy Hall



Dancing, tunes by Ted Virts
Dance leads by Christy Virts



Food Prep/Kitchen Crew
Lead by Nancy Durbin



Happy Smiles courtesy of
Santa and Elves

March with the Maryland Knights of Columbus State Family!

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, January 22, 2009
The Mall, Washington, DC

- Meet at 12th St. and Madison Drive, N.W. (Madison Drive is right on the Mall), starting at 12:00 Noon
- Metro – Blue or Orange line – Get off at either the Smithsonian or Federal Triangle stations.
- Look for the Knight of Columbus BIG BLUE BANNER – You can't miss it!
- Stand up for a Culture of Life with brother Knights from Maryland.

SEE YOU THERE!

VOCATIONS BENEFIT - WAGON OF CHEER

Seminarians at Mount St. Mary's are the beneficiaries of our annual Wagon of Cheer Raffle.

Winner of the Wagon this year, is Henry Mongelli. Additionally, Guy Beaven won a basket of goodies as the second name drawn.

THE MARYLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE E-MAIL UPDATES REGARDING THE MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE SESSION. CONTACT CHANCELLOR JOHN LEIGHTON, 301-340-9143, OR cin2mon@verizon.net.



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:

Paul Barrett, Jr., Guy Beaven, Kevin Hulse, Luis Jovell, Jr., Rosemary McAleer, Bill Ponton, Jim Scoli, and Military Personnel Worldwide



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .



Joseph B. Goode and Joseph McNulty

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

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

January 6	Council Business Meeting	Executive Meeting 7:15, Business Meeting 8:00	Father Cuddy Hall
January 9	2nd Degree		Rock Creek Council
January 16	3rd Degree		Rock Creek Council
January 20	Council Social Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
January 20	2nd Degree		Fr. Rosensteel Council
January 22	March for Life		Washington, DC
January 25	Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Haiti medical mission	3-7:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
January 28	1st Degree		Fr PP Maher Council
February 5	1st Degree		Our Lady of Guadalupe
February 7	Tootsie Roll Awards Banquet	6:00 p.m.	St. Raphael Parish
February 13	3rd Degree		Fr. Rosensteel Council
February 17	1st Degree	8:00 p.m., Candidates report 7:15 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
March 22	4th Degree Exemplification	Contact District Deputy Durbin ASAP	