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FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA

Dear Brother Knights,

We've weathered a good part of the winter cold and likewise we've weathered more than half of our fraternal year and its activities. I think that all of us have reason to be proud of what our Council has already accomplished. Particularly those who have been most involved and have given so much of themselves should feel proud, even as the rest of us should feel grateful.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, we cite the Mardi Gras/ Ash Wednesday Mass for Tuesday evening, the 24th. After the 7 pm Mass, at the reception, the Council will present support checks to three of the Mount seminarians who are studying for the Washington Archdiocese. The presence of a good number of our members would be an additional support to them. And remembering how fickle the February winters can be here in Maryland, we might all well pray for good weather for that day.

As the Lenten season begins we would do well to have ready a pattern of observances that we will keep. For many of those who are older, the value and possibility of fasting diminishes, but that leaves more room for acts of charity, of kindness and helpfulness towards others in need. And since the object of Lent is to become more like Christ in our interior as well as our outward deeds, such acts of helpfulness towards others should be at the top of our lists, always but especially during Lent.

May we all, young and old, have a truly Blessed Lent!

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

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

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 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Council. The POC for information, time and date for this competition is our District Warden **Jack Giacalone. Terry Waters** will again 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 8, 2009 at the School of the Incarnation, 2601 Symphony Lane in Gambrills, MD. Competition will be from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM.
Pray the Rosary.

Fraternally,
John L. Durbin, District Deputy

Grand Knights Meet to Distribute Tootsie Roll Contributions

Upholding a significant and symbolic tradition, grand knights, their district deputies, and district wardens gathered at the home of Rock Creek Council #2797 in Bethesda on the evening of December 19 to respond to proposals from charities supporting those with developmental disabilities throughout Montgomery County. This year councils collected over \$48,000 during our annual fall Tootsie Roll Campaign.

Twenty-two organizations sent in proposals seeking funds. Past Grand Knight Robert Fontana of Mater Dei Council #9774, collected all proposals through December 7th and sent them to the grand knights for review before the meeting. Beginning shortly after 8:00 P.M. District Warden 30, Jack Giacalone, opened the meeting. The first order of business was electing a chairman. Robert McCaffrey, Grand Knight of Mater Dei council, volunteered as chairman.

Brother knights spent over two hours reviewing proposals. Shortly before 11:00 all proposals had been addressed, discussed, and funds were awarded to seventeen organizations with grants ranging from \$650 to over \$4,000.

Checks will be presented to the organizations on Saturday evening, February 7th at the annual Tootsie Roll Awards Banquet held in the Trumpet Room at Saint Raphael's Catholic Church in Rockville.

Holding this meeting in the season of Advent as we all prepare for the coming of our Lord, reflects the main principal of our order—charity. It is one duty that all grand knights have expressed as extremely rewarding.

Richard H. Earenfight
District Warden 18
Maryland State Council

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

I just got back from our Annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the Medical Mission in Haiti. Mike Thomas and his crew did a wonderful job running the event. The food was delicious and the crowd was still growing when we left. I will follow up with more details in next month's newsletter. Thanks to all who helped make this event successful.

The March For Life was held on January 22nd in Washington, DC. Members of our council were there with the Montgomery Council #2323 banner, supporting the march. If you weren't able to be at this year's march, please consider joining us next year for this very important event supporting our beliefs as Catholics.

I hope you all had a chance to sign the postcards at your parish to oppose the “Freedom of Choice Act” - a radical bill soon being considered by Congress. The bill has the potential to bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the US Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. Please visit the Maryland Catholic Conference website for more details, and the ability to voice your opposition to the bill. <http://www.md cathcon.org/foca>

The Tootsie Roll Awards Banquet is almost here. It 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. Montgomery Council #2323 will be sponsoring the Special Olympics again this year with a sizable donation. Please contact me as soon as possible to make 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.

We will be holding membership drives at our parishes during the month of March. Please don't wait for the drives to begin your recruiting efforts. Pay attention to members of your parish at Mass. Find opportunities to say “hello” and introduce yourself. Wear Knights of Columbus clothing articles, and your council badge whenever possible. Always be ready to say a few words about our organization to encourage potential new members. Don't miss any valuable opportunities to help our organization grow.

Fraternally,
Randy Drago
Grand Knight

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FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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



A People of Life: Knights Helping Families in Tough Times

Knights of Columbus across the country are helping families with very young children by gathering donations of baby food and diapers from shoppers at grocery stores. This photo gallery shows Knights in action, collecting supplies in Maryland, Virginia and Kansas.

The gallery of photos on the Supreme site include several of our Montgomery members (plus a future Knight) outside the Giant at Trville in early December.

In a related article about the Year of Volunteerism and Charities supported by the Knights to help families in need, three particular organizations are listed for Maryland:

St. Vincent's Center, 2600 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD 21093 - 410-252-4000

St. Vincent's Center is a residential, therapeutic group facility that serves children ages 3-13 that have serious behavioral, psychiatric and/or emotional problems. The majority of children referred to St. Vincent's have suffered trauma related to child abuse and neglect. St. Vincent's has one diagnostic unit and five long-term treatment units serving children and their families.

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, 4901 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782 - 301-559-5500

Founded by President Lincoln in 1863, St. Ann's provides comprehensive residential services for infants and young children and for young, single, pregnant and parenting women, as well as an affordable daycare. It provides for the total needs of babies and their mothers in crisis.

Special Olympics Maryland, 513 Progress Dr., Suite P, Linthicum, MD 21090-2256 - 410-789-6677

Special Olympics provides year-round physical training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship.

FROM THE MARYLAND COUNCIL

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

Excerpt from Surge with Service article by Program Director Dan Ward, in the January State Bulletin (emphasis added):

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyous Christmas season. As many of you are aware, the State of Maryland was asked by our Supreme Council to conduct a **"Child In Need"** program during the month of December. The program consisted of collecting baby items (formula, diapers, bottles, clothing, etc.) at a local grocery store the weekend of December 13th. I am happy to report that this program was a **tremendous** success! The amount of baby items collected is still being counted and I will make a full report to you at the Mid-Term Meeting. **I would especially like to thank the following people for their assistance with this program:** John Moore, Grand Knight #6793; Jack Giacalone, District Warden #6793; Robert McCaffrey, Grand Knight #9774; Mike Koon, Grand Knight #2169 and his wife Katie; Bob Ward, member #2169; Celso Barrientos, District Deputy #2169; Dan Bengaro, member #2169; Dan Gargano, PGK #2169; **John Durbin, District Deputy #2323; Mike Cox Council #2323; Pat Gilroy, Council #2323 and his son Casey** and my wife Beth. These men, women and children stood in freezing temperatures to make this program the success that it was. We planned, executed and completed this project in less than two

weeks time. It took an effort by all to accomplish this Supreme goal. **I want to extend a sincere thanks to our Brother Knights and families of Montgomery Council #2323 who held a Friday night family dinner and contributed the proceeds to this most worthy cause. The Council's generosity was \$1,000 towards much needed baby items. Thank you!**

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.

FAMILY NIGHT

Lots of fun was had during our January Family night. We raised \$200 for Catholic Charities.

Next Family night will be held on February 13th.

We're also looking forward to Friday, MARCH 13th, when we'll celebrate a Family St. Patrick's Day Party. Plans are still in the making, but a special feature will be the return visit by the Expanding Waistlines who will provide live music and entertainment.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - TRADITIONAL LENTEN FISH FRY

The Banfield Kitchen Team will serve two Fish dinners during Lent - Friday, March 6 and March 27, from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Dinners will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years - includes generous portions of freshly fried fish, sides, dessert, beer, wine, soda, good company in our relaxed dining hall, plus a 50/50 raffle.

Reservations are helpful, but NOT required. If you know you plan to attend, please call John Leighton with the number you expect in your party - 301 340 9143.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial. The most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection - whole life insurance - calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product - one with guaranteed cash values - that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests - a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

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



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, Joan Dudenhoeffer, John Durbin,
Kevin Hulse, Luis Jovell, Jr., Rosemary McAleer, Bill Ponton,
Jim Scoli, and Military Personnel Worldwide



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .



Jeff Taggert

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

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

February 3	Council Business Meeting	Executive Meeting 7:15, Business Meeting 8:00	Father Cuddy Hall
February 7	Tootsie Roll Awards Banquet	6:00 p.m.	St. Raphael Parish
February 17	Council Social Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 13	Family Night	6:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 19	The Sullivan Brothers Assembly Pot Luck and Two-Bit Auction	7:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 24	Shrove Tuesday MASS and Ashes, followed by Pancake Supper	7:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
March 3	Council Business Meeting	Executive Meeting 7:15, Business Meeting 8:00	Father Cuddy Hall
March 6	Lenten Fish Fry	6-8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
March 13	Family Night/St. Patrick's Party	6:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
March 24	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
March 27	Lenten Fish Fry	6-8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall



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