



# Knights' Courier

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## **FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA**

Dear Brother Knights,

Throughout Easter week and the entire Easter season we proclaim, "*This is the Day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.*" Our reflecting makes clear to us that we do not mean that the Lord has made only the day of Easter, for He has made every day. But Easter is the beginning of the new creation, the beginning of our sharing in the divinity of Christ, as He shares in our humanity. That's why the Apostle Paul urges us to live in heaven, as it were, even now, rather than to live on earth.

The more we "live in heaven, even now" the more we experience the Easter joy. So it is to our own advantage, our great advantage, "to live in heaven, even now." The Gospels also spell out for us that "to live in heaven, even now" means to love God supremely and to love our neighbor as our self. So our conduct conforms to the reality of our renewed and spiritual existence: we live and act as children, as sons and daughters of God.

We know that it is far easier *to speak* of this changed reality than it is *to live* or to experience it. But it's worth the effort to try. That's what the saints succeeded in doing. Part of this "trying" is our commitment to the activities of our Council as well as of the Maryland State and order-wide K of C. As we approach the end of the fraternal year our personal involvement may be all the more required. Our Easter season gratitude and generosity should spur us on to go beyond our ordinary efforts. May the Risen Lord help us all to give this extra measure.

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

## **FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY**

Convention time is here and I hope all Grand Knights, delegates and alternates are already registered. The month of May will go very quickly for our district because of the many things that are going to take place.

There is one 1<sup>st</sup> degree scheduled for May 7, 2009 at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:00pm and one scheduled for May 27, 2009 at Fr Maher Council at 7:30 pm candidates report at 7:00 pm. This is another opportunity to add to our number on our quest for Star Council. Many of you are so close to attaining the goal, you have to want it bad enough.

I encourage all members to call our Fraternal Benefits Advisor right away to set up an appointment to become part of our excellent benefits program. This is a part of helping your council achieve Star Council and it is a gift of love to those we love.

Grand Knights go into training now, to prepare for the Grand Knight Olympics at the beach. Grand Knights and the DW must be in excellent shape in order to out score the other districts and prevent the possibility of a tie. Ties will be settled by the DD's scores.  
**It must not come to that!**

May is when the slate of officers for the coming fraternal year must be announced before the election in June. Make sure all who are nominated have indicated their willingness to serve.

God bless you and your families.  
Vivat Jesus  
John L. Durbin, District Deputy

PS Members of 2323: A very special "Thank You" to Brenda and Drew Hoffmaster, Dan Bonner, Tom Broad and his grandson, John Fitzgerald, Michael Cox and Nancy and Jill Durbin for their help cleaning the church after the Easter Vigil. The job took longer and started later than I had anticipated, but this faithful crew hung in there and did a fantastic job. Thank You All!

Membership: John Leighton at St. Mary's and Chris Dierken at St. Martin's deserve our thanks for their recruiting efforts during the March Blitz. A special "Thank You" and congratulations go to Mike Bean who has fulfilled the requirements for the Silver Knight Award.

**Officers for the coming Fraternal Year:** I would encourage all of our members to consider stepping up to help with the administration of council affairs. We are constantly seeking new leaders and fresh ideas to make our council grow. We have some outstanding programs in all of the "Surge with Service" activities that are ongoing, but there is so much more that can be done. To serve as an officer you must be a third degree Knight and have a desire to see our council excel.

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Our second Lenten Fish Fry was another great success. Thanks again to John Leighton for a fabulous job organizing both of these events. And special thanks are due to Tom Banfield and his kitchen crew. Tom and his crew have done a lot of great work for our council, and I'd like to recognize their efforts.

I'm looking forward to our Softball team's Annual Shrimp Feast, and I hope you are too. Please join us the first Saturday evening in May for this springtime celebration. Look for details further in this issue, and for other items of interest. In particular, the Maryland State Convention is this month. If you're planning to attend, you will need to register. Please contact me if you need details. And don't miss the Schools Grant Award Barbeque on the first Saturday afternoon in June.

Our Council elections are just around the corner. There are ample opportunities for you to participate in our Council. If you're not running for office, please prayerfully consider a role as an Activity Director. We have many great activities to choose from.

Please mark your calendar and plan to bring your family to a Grand Knight's Appreciation Cookout at the hall - the second meeting night in June. There will be burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, soda, and of course, beer. All council families are welcome. This is a small tribute to all the hard work you've done for our Council throughout the year. I hope to see you there.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the great Moms of our council a Happy Mother's Day. Thank You for all the hard work you do to support our families.

May God bless our families, and our work.

Fraternally,

Randy Drago, Grand Knight

## **EVOLUTION**

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Don't delay, contact me today!

Fraternally,

Patrick B. McAleer, PGK, FICF

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## **COUNCIL LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR**

Our election of Officers will occur at our business meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

Following is the current list of nominees for Fraternal Year 2009-2010:

Grand Knight: Christopher H. Dierken

Deputy Grand Knight: John K. Leighton

Chancellor: Lewis D. Tillis

Warden: Jon W. Benjamin

Recorder: Larry J. Royster

Financial Secretary: James P. Cribbin, PGK

Treasurer: Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer

Lecturer: Wilbur G. Wingo

Advocate: Joseph M. Kempf

Inside Guard: Russell P. Kennedy

Outside Guards: Michael H. Cox

Nicholas A. Kendros

Trustees: Kevin M. Ginley (1 Year)

Shannon H. Doherty (2 Year)

Randy A. Drago (3 Year)

Delegate: Randy A. Drago, PGK

Nominations will be accepted from the council floor during the month of May – right up until the election. Please prayerfully consider what you can do for your council, and contact Chris Dierken about Activity Director roles.

# **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
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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## **FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

Information for this section is drawn from the Supreme's website,  
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The Supreme Council's website has links to a variety of items and resources. Try these when a question arises in your mind or during conversation . . .

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### **MARYLAND LICENSE PLATES**

The K of C License Plate program is always open and the forms for ordering plates are available on the State website.

### **MARYLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY FUND, INC.**

In this time of job uncertainty, we continue to help unemployed knights find job opportunities with our Employment Assistance program. Some good news, we were helping more than 20 Knights and we are now down to 7, this is really fantastic that we were able to help these Knights get back to work. We still need to know about employers with available positions. Please send any information you have on job opportunities.

The Charity Fund provides financial assistance to individuals in *Temporary Urgent Need*. The Charity Fund is a source of support after Councils have assisted with charitable Requests. All applications should come through a Council, reviewed by the Grand Knight and District Deputy. Brothers, this CHARITY FUND has worked because of your generosity over the years. We have paid for medical, hospital, taxes, utilities, mortgages, rents, insurances, car payments, equipment for the handicapped, and have furnished respectable burials for Brother Knights.

Please help the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund with your annual tax-deductible gift.

**The need for support has never been greater.** For this calendar year, the Fund has already processed or received 14 applications. In previous years we have processed an average total of 22 cases.

Please utilize the pre-addressed envelopes provided by your Council (in last month's mailing) or send checks made to the Maryland State Council Charity Fund, c/o Johnny Norman, 2517 Ryce Drive, Waldorf, MD 20601. You can also make your gift through a Combined Charity Program.

Complete details and application are available on the State Council website ([www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)). Inquiries may also be made to the Directors: Johnny Norman, 301-645-3967 or Pat Corcoran, 410-588-5880.

Charity—the First Principle!

**WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE**

## **PULL TABS FOR CHARITY**

Our Council is collecting pull tabs from canned sodas, beer, small cans of juice, soups, pet foods, canned fruits, soy, and many other dietary supplements. The net proceeds from the Pull Tabs for Charity fund-raising efforts are donated to the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health (located in Bethesda) and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Ronald McDonald House offers a place where families stay while their family member is receiving treatment for a serious illness or injury. For more information about these two organizations, you may go to their websites at [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov) or [www.rmhc.com](http://www.rmhc.com).

If you would like a collection canister to take to work or your home, please call Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970.

## **ST. MARTIN'S PANTRY NEEDS AND APPRECIATES OUR HELP**

Contact Leo Snyder (301) 208-8930 if you have specific questions about the Pantry or other ways you might help.

## **ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP FEAST**

Dinner is Served on Saturday, May 2 . . . sponsored by the Softball Team . . .  
Come Hungry for Spiced Shrimp, French Fries, Coleslaw, Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks

Food will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., but stay for socializing and music until 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00/Adult; \$15.00 for over 65; \$10.00 for children under 12. Please contact Mike Bean at (301) 460-6193 or [Mbean@cfinish.com](mailto:Mbean@cfinish.com).

## **FAMILY NIGHT**

May 8<sup>th</sup> is our Family Night, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The menu is a work in progress at the time of this writing, but you can count on a simple dinner at a reasonable cost for the family, plus the main feature – an opportunity to visit with friends of all ages.

For more information please watch your e-mail, or contact Mike Bean at 301-460-6193 or at [mbean@cfinish.com](mailto:mbean@cfinish.com).

**ANNUAL GRANT AWARD PARTY**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2009**

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, Montgomery Council #2323 will exemplify the first principle of the Knights of Columbus – **CHARITY**. Last year we made grants to each of our home parishes for their religious education programs. We want to continue the practice of annually donating grants to these and other worthwhile causes. This year's grants will again go to the religious education programs at each of our three parishes, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Martin of Tours and St. Mary's.

So that all members might have a chance to attend, the event is scheduled at the hall from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. as an upscale barbeque.

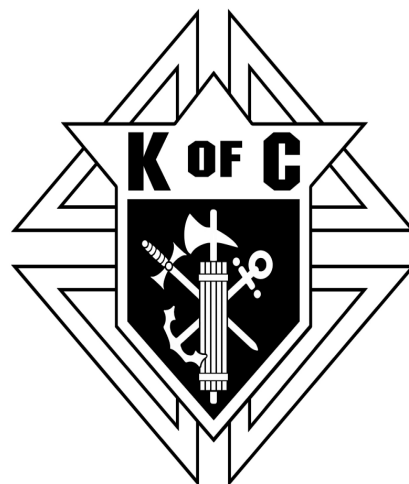
The cost for the party is planned to be \$10.00 per person not to exceed \$25.00 per family. Bob Mongelli will head our cooking team for the party, so you know you are in for a real treat.

Reservations for this event are preferred for planning and food preparation. Please contact one of the following to reserve:

Shannon Doherty	301-963-5027
Charles Durbin	301-460-4808
Mark Lynch	301-977-0890



*HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY  
From the  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
  
THANK YOU  
FOR CHOOSING  
LIFE*



**NEEDED: FOOD ITEMS AND ATTIC TREASURES**

The Maryland State Convention is coming up May 15, 16, and 17. The hospitality room that includes our Council 2323 is a combined Hospitality Room sponsored by Districts #30 and #11. Our theme for the room is "International" because we have such a diverse group in our two districts. We provide our council delegates lunch and have snacks in the evening.

If anyone has a dish they would like to donate or bring to convention, please let me know. We can also use attic treasures for the Ladies Activity door prizes. I can pick up any donations. We are going Thursday May 14.

Thank you, Nancy Durbin – (301) 762-4448.

**TOGO MISSION NEEDS**

We would like to join the K of C effort to support St. Martin's Sister Parish in Togo by donating

Nurse Trolley \$190  6ft x 6ft Foam Mat \$30  4 Pack of Light Bulbs \$10  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Our family donation is \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks (tax deductible) payable to: Togo Mission Inc  
Send to Togo Mission Inc PO Box 130 Gaithersburg, MD 20884-0130



**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 and Relief from Worry, we especially pray for:***

Paul Barrett, Jr., Guy Beaven, Catherine Burke, Laura Collins,  
Christine Cribbin, Father Jim Downs, John Hannan, Tyler Hendricks, Kevin Hulse,  
Luis Jovell, Jr., Maurice Kennedy, Father Kenney, Francis McAleer, Rosemary McAleer,  
Tim McKinna, Joan Osmond, Kegan Oursler, Fran Paepeke, Bill Ponton, John Rivera,  
Mike Scanlon, Sarah Schneider, Jim Scoli, Dick Sherwood, Leo Snyder,  
Thomas Spurrier, Nan Thomas, Jean Tillis, Kelly Tillis, Celia Toner, Nancy Torr,  
Lloyd Welter, Oswald Zammichieks, Father Zylla, and Military Personnel Worldwide,  
Unemployed and People Suffering Economic Strain



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



***For Peaceful Rest for the Deceased and Consolation for their Loved Ones:***

Father G. William Finch, Elizabeth Darrow, Jack Hurley, Agnes Kissell, Burt Miller,  
Baltimore Family, Frederick Family, Military Personnel Worldwide,  
Victims of the Earthquake in Italy and Other Natural Disasters, War and Violence,  
and Victims of Accidents and Crashes

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

## **COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

May 2	Shrimp Feast	6 to 10:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
May 3	World Day of Prayer for Vocations		
May 5	Council Business Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
May 9	2-Bit Auction to Benefit Special Olympics	12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
May 10	Happy Mother's Day		
May 15, 16, 17	Maryland State Convention		Ocean City
May 19	Council Social Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
May 25	Memorial Day		
June 2	Council Business Meeting – ELECTIONS	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
June 6	Grant Award Event and BBQ (please reserve, if possible)	3-7 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
June 14	Flag Day		
June 16	Grand Knight's Appreciation Cook-Out	7:30 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 7	Council Business Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 21	Council Social Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall



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