



# Knights' Courier

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**November, 2009**

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## ***FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY, JOHN DURBIN***

Ready or not! November is here already! October was full of many fun activities including the Columbus Day Ball, followed the next day by the celebration at Union Station in Washington, D.C. where the statue of Christopher Columbus stands. The State Fall Meeting in Hagerstown will be held October 23rd, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be plenty of information coming forth as a result of this very important training for District Deputies. I will report on this meeting in a later article. Membership and Retention will certainly be the main focus. The councils in District #30 are all active in their recruiting efforts. Do not let up and, "Do not get discouraged." We lead by example so wear your name badges to mass and other parish functions so people will know that you are Knights of Columbus and want to join with us in the good works that are accomplished routinely by our membership. Be active in the life of your parishes and assist your pastors in every way you can. Remember to carry a "Form 100" at all times.

November begins with "All Saints Day" followed by "All Souls". It is a time to pray for those that have gone before us and to ask for help from the saints as we do our very best to serve God and our neighbor so that we may attain our reward. Montgomery Council will host a memorial mass on November 17<sup>th</sup> where all deceased members of our District and the Sullivan Brothers Assembly will be remembered particularly those that passed during the period October 31, 2007 thru October 31, 2008 . Thanksgiving is on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>. When our families join together for our Thanksgiving celebrations remember to include the Holy Family.

God bless us and our families.

Happy Thanksgiving from your District Warden Jack Giacalone and Phyllis and from John, Nancy and Jill!

Vivat Jesus

*John Durbin, District Deputy*

## **FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, CHRIS DIERKEN**

In our everyday life November and December seem almost to have too many activities for us to handle, and these months are also busy one's for our Council.

During November we will hold our Past Grand Knights Dinner, Memorial Mass, Family Night and of course Thanksgiving. Then comes December with our Communion Breakfast, Christmas Party, March For Life and our personal activities at Christmas. One of these Personal Activities could be giving a 2010 Entertainment Book to a relative or friend. It's a good deal and the Council receives \$15.00 for every book sold.

On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, six members of our Council attained Second Degree at Fr. Cuddy Hall along with several members of our brother Councils in District 30. There are still a number of our members who have not taken their Second degree and I urge them to do so as soon as possible. Advancement helps us to be better Knight's.

Our Communion Breakfast Mass will be held this year on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Saint Francis of Assisi. This will be at the regular 8:00 AM Sunday Mass. Our Breakfast, at Fr. Cuddy Hall, will follow the Mass. The Sullivan Brothers Color Guard will be on hand and a large turnout of Knight's would certainly impress the neighbors and at the same time help with recruitment.

We are still in need of Activity Directors for Church, Pro-Life and Membership and most importantly a Chaplin. Father Gary Villanueva of St. Mary's Parish is presently considering accepting the position of Chaplin, if his other duties don't prevent it. We have been getting along without Directors in these other positions but it puts an added burden on the Officers who have been filling in. Please consider taking over one of these positions. Call me at: 301-948-4238.

## **LEADERSHIP (2009-10)**

### **Council Officers**

Chaplain		
Associate Chaplain	Deacon Jim Datovech	
Grand Knight	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Deputy Grand Knight	John K. Leighton	301-340-9143
Chancellor	Lewis D. Tillis	301-330-7317
Warden	David Ball	301-924-1179
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	Russell P. Kennedy	301-977-1804
Inside Guard	Charles R. Durbin	301-460-4808
Outside Guard	Michael H. Cox	240-678-3702 or 301-962-6581
Outside Guard	Nicholas A. Kendros	240-221-3515
Trustees	Randy A. Drago, PGK	301-963-7521
Trustees	Patrick B. McAleer, PGK	301-253-3856
Trustees	Shannon H. Doherty, PGK	301-963-5027
Delegate	Randy A. Drago, PGK	301-963-7521

### **Council Activity Directors**

Council	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Church & Vocations		301-340-9143
Community	Lewis Tillis	301-330-7317
Pro-Life		301-208-1170
Family	Michael E. Bean	301-460-6193
Youth	Matthew E. Mongelli	301-251-2949
Membership		301-948-4238
Retention	Christopher H. Dierken	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**

President	Robert E. Mongelli (2 yr.)	301-984-9272
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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
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## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASSES**

Montgomery Council's annual Memorial Mass will be offered by Father Gary Villanueva (of St. Mary's) on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Father Cuddy Hall. Council members and families are welcome to remember, honor and pray for the souls of members we lost this past year.

Similarly, the State Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, November 15th at 3:00, at St. Mary's Seminary on Roland Avenue. All Knights and families are encouraged to attend.

## **COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Father David Beaubien (of St. Francis) will offer Mass on Sunday, December 13, at 8:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church. A Communion Breakfast will follow at Fr. Cuddy Hall. Watch for details soon.

## **MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL CHARITY APPEAL**

It is time once again for our annual **Maryland State Charity appeal**. This fund has raised over \$925,000 since it began in 1984. The purpose of the fund is to serve as a bridge for financial recovery, not for long-term cases, and the need this year is greater than ever.

For more information about the history of the Charity Fund, and its goals, please see the State website: (<http://www.kofc-md.org/docs/CharityFund.pdf>).

Please use the envelope in this Courier to support the Charity Fund. Thank you to all in advance for your help.

If donating to the Maryland State Council Charity Fund through United Way type of campaigns please use the following code numbers.

- (1) Combined Federal Campaign - 78166
- (2) United Way of Central MD or Private Sector Campaigns - 4632
- (3) Maryland Charity Campaign - 5834.

Whether a code is listed or not be sure to include the Fund's name and address as shown below on your pledge card in the "Donor Option" section.

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc.  
10815 Stang Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

These campaigns run from September thru February.

Thanks for all of your support.

John Leighton, Deputy Grand Knight

## **FAMILY NIGHT**

The November Family Night will be held on Friday, November 13th from 6:30pm - 10pm (food served until 9pm). The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family and proceeds will benefit The St. Martin's Pantry. We will also be accepting non-perishable food items such as soup, pasta, and canned vegetables (see <http://www.stmartinsweb.com/socialconcerns.cfm> for more info on accepted items) at the door. This month we will be featuring our first ever chili cook-off and will also be serving hot dogs, chicken nuggets, fries, salad, soda and beer. Kids can also enjoy decorating their own cupcakes. Please contact Mike Bean [mbean@cfinish.com](mailto:mbean@cfinish.com) or Pat Gilroy [pgilroy@comcast.net](mailto:pgilroy@comcast.net) for more information. RSVP's are greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there!

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for St. Francis' Medical Mission to Haiti will be held on Sunday, January 31st at the Father Cuddy Hall. More details in the January Courier. Mike Thomas will be coordinating.

## **PULL TABS FOR CHARITY**

Brothers, please continue saving the pull tabs from canned sodas, beer, small cans of juice, soups, pet foods, canned fruit, soy, and many other dietary supplements. The net proceeds from these will be donated to the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, and to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Ronald McDonald House offers a place where families stay while their family member is receiving treatment because of a serious illness or injury. The pull tabs can be placed in the container in the Hall. If you need a container, or need to turn some in, please call Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970.

## **COORDINATOR NEEDED**

We need coordinators for the Box Tops for Education and the Campbell's Labels for Education programs. To see what it entails, you may visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). If you have any questions, please call Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970.

## **YEAR 2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Montgomery Council is once again providing Entertainment Books to enhance the various charitable efforts that we support. I need your help to make this year our best year ever. Last year, almost 200 books were sold. While I need all my brother Knights to become involved, those who are still working could be of big help by letting your co-workers know about the availability of the Entertainment 2010 books.

What are Entertainment Books? Save up to 50% on Dining, Travel, Shopping, Theater, Sports and more! Over 100 new offers can be found in the Book, plus four \$5.00 off coupons for Safeway...A \$20.00 value. **A new feature in this book is 4 - \$5.00 bonus cards for TGIF, The Green Turtle, Momma Lucia and AMF Bowling Centers.** Dine at your favorite fine, casual, and fast food restaurants. Enjoy top local and national attractions; save on airfare, cruises, car rentals, and over 1,200 hotels, expanded discounts for the Eastern Shore, plus much, much more — all at up to 50% off.

There are Entertainment 2010 Books that cover virtually every major city in the United States. Example, our immediate area is the Maryland/Washington, DC book. Other example of areas is: Northern Virginia/Washington, DC; Baltimore, and literally any major metropolitan area in the United States.

Looking for a gift for someone out of town, then the Entertainment Book 2010 is your answer. Prices for out-of-town books vary based on the location. In order to ensure holiday delivery, orders should be turned in by Monday, November 9, 2009.

You can start using the book immediately for discounts up to November, 2010.

Now you ask, just how much is such a book? Great News! **The Entertainment 2010 Books this year cost \$30.00.** For each book sold, our Council will receive \$15.00.

The Entertainment 2010 Books are available for purchase immediately through December, 2009. Obtain your book now! To order your book, or if you have any questions contact:

**Gary Palmer at 301-948-6494 or by e-mail at [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net). You can also contact Ed Dudenhoeffer at 301-774-4262 or by e-mail at [edduden@verizon.net](mailto:edduden@verizon.net).**

Let other family members or friends know about these Entertainment Books. Those of you with businesses that would be willing to host a display and assist with selling books to your customers, please let me know. The sale of these books are NOT limited to just Knights, but to anyone. These also make great Christmas gifts. Your support of this fund raising effort will allow our Council to expand its charitable giving.

Gary Palmer, Chairman

## **NEW ACCESS TO HALL**

Road access to Father Cuddy Hall has been changed by the ICC construction. Please remember that Overhill Road now intersects with Redland Road. You may no longer reach the hall from Garrett Road.

If you travel from Route 355 and Redland Road, the new Overhill Road is the right turn at the beginning of the bridge over the new highway. If you travel from Muncaster Mill and Redland, continue past Garrett Road, cross the bridge over the new highway, and turn left at the end of the bridge. The new Overhill Road will take you about along side the new highway, and you will turn right into the parking lot of the hall.

## **SPEAKING OF FATHER CUDDY HALL**

We recently had a request for information about the Hall's namesake, Father Stanislaus Cuddy. Father Cuddy was assigned to St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg, and was the force behind the establishment of Montgomery Council in 1921. He was a young man when he died as a result of a car accident at the railroad crossing near St. Martin's. The bridge on Route 355 that crosses over the railroad tracks is named for him.

## **FALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS PICNIC HOSTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNCIL**

The Special Olympics picnic was held on September 19, 2009 at Father Cuddy Hall. Athletes from all around Montgomery County were notified of the time and date via their newsletter

"Montgomery Relay". Participants from Soccer, Bowling, Cycling, Cross Country Running, Golf and Tennis were all on hand to enjoy good food, dancing and socializing from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. The brother Knights of Montgomery Council went out of their way to buy, prepare and serve hotdogs, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, potato salad, coleslaw and many delicious condiments to our guests. When everyone had eaten their fill, the dancing began and that is always the highlights of any Special Olympic gathering.

Those in attendance included the Area Director for Montgomery Special Olympic, Pam Yerg along with seventy (70) athletes, coaches and family. The chairperson for this activity was Nancy Durbin, wife of PGK John Durbin. Under the direction of our chairperson all Knights called to help reported promptly at 1:00 pm to set up the hall, decorate the tables and ready the grills for a good workout, over (80) cheeseburgers were grilled and (50) hotdogs. Except for a cake furnished by the council, desserts were furnished by the attendees. When the picnic ended there was very little food left and that says a lot for the good time that was had by all, especially the Knights who volunteered their time and talents to serve our very special friends.

Montgomery Council is privileged to have the facility and the brother Knights that enable us to conduct these activities. A very special thank you goes to Nancy Durbin, our chairperson, for buying all the food, decorations and the cake. Nancy's co-chair was responsible for recruiting help, every job should be that easy, and setting up the hall. We were assisted by

our District Warden Jack Giacalone and his lovely wife Phyllis, our Grand Knight Chris Dierken, PGK John Fitzgerald, our cooks were Joey and Jimmy Wingo, serving soft drinks Leo Snyder and Dave Ball.

Without the help received from all these Knights and ladies as well as our Building Corporation and council members this activity would not take place. Everyone agreed that they look forward to the next Knights' Special Olympics party that will take place on December 19, 2009 at Father Cuddy Hall.

### **SENIORS DINNER DANCE**

On October 3, 2009, Grand Knight Christopher Dierken, chaired the Annual Senior Citizen Dinner and Dance, the largest council sponsored event of the fraternal year. This gala affair originated 34 years ago and each June preparations begin for the annual celebration. Planning activities involve considerations for reaching a broad base of seniors from churches of the community area, civil organizations, and private community organizations. Budgets are designed for food, supplies, equipment and entertainment. Council members form work crews for set-up of the chamber setup, decoration and cleanup; food and beverage preparation and service, and parking control. A ballroom disc jockey was hired to entertain the seniors with Latin music, big band music, and other smooth dance and swing dance music.

Council members contributed approximately 120 workman hours to produce the dinner and dance this fraternal year, 2009. The cost of the event was approximately \$1,300. Nearly 150 senior and disabled citizens were guests of the council. They came in buses sponsored by the Rockville Senior Citizen Center, and cars from Gaithersburg, Germantown and Rockville.

The gratitude and appreciation shown to the Council, by the guests, illustrate the worthwhile benefits received by the many persons who attend this social activity. To date the council has served more than 5,650 senior and disabled persons, contributed more than \$29,000 toward their physical and social pleasure, and provided more than 3,600 work-hours to help better the lives of the elderly.

The council is committed to continuing this service and other services that exemplify the charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism that council members steadfastly hold to for the good of their communities and country.

The following is not a complete list of members who help conduct the dance and dinner: Leo Snyder; Robert Mongelli; Matthew Mongelli; Mark Lynch; William and Celia Toner; Bill Wire; Christopher Dierken; John Durbin; Michael Bean; Kevin Ginley; Jerome and Emma Milligan; Calvin and Mable Ogden; Drew and Brenda Hoffmaster; and Anatol Surak.

**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.  
Let us always remember to pray for those who have  
no one to pray to for them.*

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

***Of Thanksgiving for Many Blessings and Prayers Already Answered; and  
For Restoration of Health, we especially pray for:***

Dianne Beavin, Guy Beavin, Rosanne Bonariggo, Brenda Cox, Robert Cox, Lessie Driskell,  
Helen and Ron Dunn, David Gaines, Martha Gillis, Judy Hoffmaster, Bill Hornish,  
Carol Illig, Evelyn Kennedy, Maurice Kennedy, Jim Kline, Fran Paepeke,  
Rachel Raiden, John Rivera, Melva Stokes, Kelly Tillis, Wilbur Wingo,  
Armed Forces Worldwide, Persecuted Catholics

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

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

George Burkhart, Michael J. O'Boyle, Catholic Martyrs and  
Armed Forces Worldwide,  
especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan

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

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

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**COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	PLACE
November 13	Family Night (benefitting St. Martin's Food Pantry)	6:30 – 10 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
November 15	State Memorial Mass	3:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Seminary
November 17	Council Memorial Mass	7:30 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
Dec. 13, 2009	Communion Breakfast (following 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis)	8:00 AM	Father Cuddy Hall
Dec. 19, 2009	Special Olympics Picnic	TBA	Father Cuddy Hall
January 31, 2010	Spaghetti Dinner to support St. Francis Parish Haiti Medical Mission		Father Cuddy Hall