



# Knights' Courier

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MONTGOMERY COUNCIL #2323

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December, 2009

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

Brothers and Sisters All,

As I write this we are halfway through the month of November. There are many activities remaining for the second half of this month that will lead us into Advent. Thanksgiving will be here next week and with it comes the season we all look forward to with open hearts, a time for family, a time for being grateful for our many blessings and most of us sharing our abundance with those in need. We are rooted in our faith. No matter how hard the world around us tries to eliminate God the Father from our pledges, money and public places, we as Knights of Columbus families hold fast to our belief, our religion and our complete faith in the blessed Trinity. I know that I am preaching to the choir but sometimes we feel compelled to say something out loud or in this case write down. **Jesus Christ is the reason for the season**, not the retail stores or the economy or the DOW or any of those things that are reported on by the news media.

Advent begins on November 29<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Season starts with the Advent Wreath, the giving trees and sending Christmas cards to friends and loved ones. This Christmas as we light the candles on the wreath, take requests from the giving trees and address our Christmas cards why don't we all say a simple, powerful prayer, JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.

District Warden Jack Giacalone and Phyllis join Nancy, Jill and I in wishing all of our Knights of Columbus families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming New Year.

Vivat Jesus

*John*

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

We are now at about the middle of our business year. Where did it go? They say; "Time flies, when we're having a good time".

In November we honored our Past Grand Knights at their annual dinner. This was an opportunity to meet our State Advocate Steve Adamczyk and his lovely wife Kathleen.

Our Tootsie Roll Drive was a success in spite of the bad financial times and I want to thank all of you who gave time and effort to this worthy work.

The annual Senior Citizen's Dinner/Dance was also a success, if we can judge by the remarks of those who attended.

Our annual Memorial Mass, for deceased Council members, was celebrated by our new Chaplin, Father Gary Villanueva, of St. Mary's, Rockville. This was our first opportunity to meet Fr. Villanueva. The Sullivan Brothers Color Guard enhanced the solemnity of the occasion. Thank you, Sir Knights.

One area in which we haven't been successful is recruiting. Our up-coming drive, Sunday, Dec. 20 should help, but it will depend on us all, the member's of our council. The next time that you attend Mass and offer the "Peace of the Lord" to a man nearby, take a minute after Mass to speak to him about the Knights. He may just be waiting for someone to give him this opportunity.

We wish all our brother Knights and their families' happy holidays and a very Blessed Christmas.

## **DUES PAST DUE!!!**

Many members are way-past due in paying their 2009-10 dues. If you've not paid your share already, please send your dues payment of \$48.00 to Faithful Secretary, Pat Cribbin. If you have any question about your payment status for the year, please contact Pat for clarification.

You may mail your check, payable to "Knights of Columbus, Montgomery Council 2323," to Pat, 1802 Henry Road, Rockville, MD 20851. If you have questions, you may reach Pat at (301) 770-7784, or Cribbin1@msn.com.

## **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
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Outside Guard	Nicholas A. Kendros	240-221-3515
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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
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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
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### **Building Corporation Board of Directors**

President	Robert E. Mongelli (2 yr.)	301-984-9272
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## **INSURANCE CHECK-UP FOR 2010**

Can you believe it will soon be 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

As the year comes to an end, I want to wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May you have good health and prosperity in the New Year.

Mary, our Patroness loves you and God does, too.

Peace,

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## **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.

The menu is pancakes (plain and blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausage and fresh fruit. Mass is, of course, free. Breakfast will be \$8 per person.

Please RSVP to Lew Tillis, [LDTILLIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LDTILLIS@GMAIL.COM) or 240-350-9956.

## **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**

December will not include a Family Night. There are just so many good things happening on everyone's calendars!

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WAGON OF CHEER**

Montgomery Council and The Sullivan Brothers Assembly will celebrate the Christmas Season on Saturday, December 12, from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. at Father Cuddy Hall.

Wilbur Wingo and family will again "man" the kitchen to provide the main course. If your last initial is A through M, please bring a side dish to share with 6 guests. If your last initial is M through Z, please bring a dessert to share with 6 guests.

The Council will be collecting Christmas gifts of supplies for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. No wrapping or bows on the gifts, please, or, if you prefer to write a check, please make it directly payable to the "Shady Grove Pregnancy Center." All gifts are tax deductible, and will be delivered to the Center the week following our party.

The Sullivan Brothers' Christmas gifts of supplies will be for recovering troops at Walter Reed and the Naval Medical Center. Packages of new athletic socks, shorts and shirts will be great for those in physical therapy. Phone cards or other gift cards are also very happily received. Again, no wrapping, please.

The drawing for the Wagon of Cheer to support seminarians will take place at this celebration. Please see details below.

### **SEMINARIANS BENEFIT FROM OUR WAGON OF CHEER**

Seminarians at Mount St. Mary's are the beneficiaries of our annual Wagon of Cheer Raffle. You can help our Council help seminarians in several ways. Please contact Joe Kempf at 301-460-8918. The drawing will be during the Christmas party on December 12, so please act quickly!

You should have received information and raffle tickets in the mail. Tickets will also be available before each meeting outside the Council chamber. Sales will conclude just prior to the drawing at the council Christmas celebration on Saturday afternoon, December 12. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 tickets for \$10. PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN ALL TICKET STUBS AND PAYMENTS TO JOE KEMPF PRIOR TO THE 12<sup>TH</sup>!

We also need contributions for the wagon. Please tag them as being "for Joe for the Wagon of Cheer," and bring them to any meeting or function. Donations of wines, mixers, beers and liquors, as well as items to complement these, will be gratefully accepted.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Council will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 31st from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm to raise funds for St. Francis' Medical Mission to Haiti. More information will be in the January Courier. However, those that wish to make a monetary donation, may send a check payable to Knights of Columbus - Council 2323 and mail it to Mike Thomas at 7436 Cinnabar Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

### **PAST GRAND KNIGHTS DINNER**

The Past Grand Knight's dinner to recognize the special contributions of those who served in this position, and especially their wives, was held at Father Cuddy Hall on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails preceded the wonderful dinner of pork roast prepared by Bobby and Matt Mongelli and others in

the kitchen crew. Special thanks to Brenda Hoffmaster, Lisa Wei and Bernadette Ginley for hall and table set up.

We were happy to welcome two new pastors, Father Beaubien of St. Francis, and Monsignor Amey of St. Mary's. Pat McAleer served as emcee for the evening.

After dinner remarks were delivered by State Advocate, Steve Adamczyk, and Grand Knight, Chris Dierken. Chris presented Randy Drago, Immediate PGK, with an award for his service to Montgomery Council 2323.

Past Grand Knights in attendance: Hank and Ann Mongelli, Tom and Flo Reilly, Joe Zetts, Carl and Helen Fahrner, John Fitzgerald, Marc Aucermanne, Paul and Marie Barrett, Pat and Lenore Cribbin, John and Nancy and Jill Durbin, Guy and Dianne Beaven, Kevin and Bernadette Ginley.

It was a lovely, social evening.

### **QUARTER AUCTION FOR THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION**

Live and silent auctions were held at Father Cuddy Hall on Saturday, November 7, 2009, to raise funds to assist the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in their mission. A lively crowd participated in the auction, bidding on the many handcrafted and donated items, including many cookware items, food baskets, children's clothing and homemade accessories for dolls. Store and restaurant gift certificates and crystal vases and other glass items were part of the silent auction.

DeDe Dunn served as host and emcee of the live action, assisted by Jack and Allie. A 50-50 raffle, pizza donated by Potomac Pizza, plus hotdogs and drinks rounded out an afternoon of fun, raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Many thanks also to the vendors who donated items for the auctions.

Watch for news of another Quarter Auction . . . hopefully, in the Spring.

Thank you, again, to Dede Dunn and the many other members of the Ron (in his usual role of ticket taker) and Helen (the patient one) Dunn Family.

### **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.

## **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. 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 Dudenhoefter 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

**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, Marie Derflinger,  
Lessie Driskell, Helen and Ron Dunn, Rebecca Fenno, David Gaines, Martha Gillis, Judy Hoffmaster, Bill  
Hornish, Carol Illig, Louise & Jim Keenan, Evelyn Kennedy, Maurice Kennedy, Jim Kline,  
Francis McAleer, Joan McLoughlin, Paul Noga, 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:***

Candy Adams, Marty McDonald, Michael J. O'Boyle,  
Catholic Martyrs and Armed Forces Worldwide, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan,  
Souls of All Faithful Departed

**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
Dec. 1	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
Dec. 12	Christmas Party – Montgomery Council & The Sullivan Bros. Assembly	12:30-4	Father Cuddy Hall
Dec. 13	Communion Breakfast (following 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis)	8:00 AM	Father Cuddy Hall
December 15	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
Dec. 18	Special Olympics Christmas Party	7-9:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
January 5	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
January 19	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
January 22	March for Life		
January 31	Spaghetti Dinner to support St. Francis Parish Haiti Medical Mission	3-7:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 2	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 16	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 17	Ash Wednesday		