



Knights' Courier

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MONTGOMERY COUNCIL #2323
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KNIGHTS THANK ALL PRIESTS

Knights of Columbus of Council #2323 wishes to acknowledge and thank the priests of St. Mary's, St. Martin's, and St. Francis for their dedication and service to each and every parishioner.

We remember that every priest is human, like all of us, and that each has answered God's special call to special service to share his unique talents.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT – MAY 2010

We had three successful "Fish Fry" dinners at Hersey's Restaurant in March and April, which garnered the Council \$250.00.

March Family Night Dinner at Father Cuddy Hall raised \$855.00 for Cystic Fibrosis of the Washington Area. There was no family night for April but one for May is pending.

One of our Council's continuing problems is membership retention. I have called members of our Council who owe back dues and left messages but received hardly any answers to calls. Many telephones that I called were out-of-service. There are some that have been called and the answering machine says they are not available, others have moved to parts unknown, still there are a few who said they'll pay the dues.

I wish to thank all my Officers for their help and often even doing my job when I was unable. I couldn't have functioned as Grand Knight without them.

There are good moments in being a Grand Knight. I got a taste of what being a leader is about. I had good officers who helped me with responsibilities and, I shared good times with them and other members of the council. Everyone helped and kept the council going. May the next Grand Knight and his officers do better and get the council back on the rebound to prosperity.

I thank you all for allowing me to be Grand Knight for a year.

Vivat Jesus,

Respectfully yours,
Chris Dierken
Grand Knight

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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 1st degree scheduled for May 6, 2010 at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:00pm and one scheduled for May 26, 2010 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.

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 outscore 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!**

The slate of officers for the coming fraternal year is announced in this newsletter. Please remember that nominations may be made until the time of election in June. Make sure all who are nominated have indicated their willingness to serve.

As we near the end of the Fraternal Year and we reflect on accomplishments. When we're so busy, we tend to take some activities for granted, but these are really the kinds of things we should find most satisfying – the kinds of acts in which we should be taking an active part. One of these programs is chaired by Leo Snyder. Leo receives money from the Council by way of contributions made by the membership and buys rice for the Pantry at St Martin's church. The last report I received was that Leo had purchased 2,500 pounds of rice through our council contributions. Leo delivers the rice to the pantry over the course of the year.

Leo Snyder - One Knight doing a great job. I thank you Leo. And your gift of service gets even more valuable. This program was reported to the state Community Activities committee. This allowed Montgomery to be counted as one of 33 councils participating in a food program for Maryland, making Maryland eligible to receive a share of a \$1,000,000 donation from Supreme to feed the hungry.

Another Activity we might take for granted: The Family Night. Sponsored each month by Mike Bean, Pat Gilroy and their committee, Family Nights provide a social time to benefit families, while also raising funds for charity. Family Nights have given thousands of dollars to various charitable causes over the past year. We need to get this information to our parishes and allow them to be part of these charitable acts.

On Friday, April 16, 2010, I was invited to give awards to the winners of the "Substance Abuse Poster Contest." This has been conducted for several years at St Mary's School. Kathie and Chuck Durbin are the movers behind this program, and it is very well done. Montgomery Council gives a grant for prizes, and Kathie and Chuck, along with the students, teachers and Sister Carol, do all the work. It is great! The enthusiasm and talent of these young people are

nothing short of amazing. This year, there were 60+ entries, all inspiring. The Substance Abuse Prevention Poster Contest is a program of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights who are parishioners at St Mary's are in the process of raising money to purchase and install a monument to the "Unborn Children" on the grounds of St. Mary's - possibly in front of "Our Lady's Chapel near the gate to the cemetery. The goal is \$1,500.00, and in just a couple of weeks, we have raised almost \$600.00 through the incredible generosity of only 14 K of C families. We are going to make this happen, and very soon. This is a Council activity and all donations are appreciated. You may send them to me, payable to Montgomery Council 2323, with a notation for the memorial at St. Mary's.

God bless you and your families.
Vivat Jesus!

John L. Durbin, District Deputy

COUNCIL E-MAILS AND COURIERS

The Council maintains an e-mail listing for members for notices and reminders of events and news, especially items that happen between Courier publishing and mailing dates. The Courier is posted each month to the Council's website, www.kofc2323.org.

If you have not received an e-mail or e-vite from the Council over the past month or so, please be certain that we have your current e-mail address. It's best to drop a note to kofcmontgomery2323@yahoo.com so that we can add or update your e-mail. Also, please check your mailing label on this Courier to be sure we have your correct Parish noted.

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 L. Ball	301-924-1179
Recorder	Larry J. 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
Outside Guard	Nicholas A. Kendros	240-221-3515
Outside Guard	Michael H. Cox	240-678-3702 or 301-962-6581
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Trustee 3 year	Randy A. Drago, PGK	301-963-7521
Trustee 2 year	Shannon H. Doherty, PGK	301-963-5027
Trustee 1 year	Kevin M. Ginley, PGK	301-208-1170
Delegate	Randy A. Drago, PGK	301-963-7521
Delegate Alternate	Patrick B. McAleer, PGK	301-253-3856

Council Activity Directors

Council	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Church & Vocations		301-340-9143
Community	Lewis D. 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	301-948-4238
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
Vice President	Kevin J. Bean (1 yr.)	301-253-5512
Secretary	Mark F. Lynch (1 yr.)	301-977-0890
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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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Deadline for entries is approximately the 15th of each month (but earlier is better, if possible!)

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COUNCIL LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR

Our council's election of officers is currently open through the day of the election which will occur at our business meeting on June 1st, 2010.

If you are interested in becoming an officer or playing a larger role in the process of our council, please call me, John Leighton, 301-340-9143, as soon as possible. Please be sure to attend the election meeting on June 1, or, if you can't make the election meeting, be certain that I know your interests so that I can present them on your behalf.

I can also be reached by email at: cin2mon@verizon.net

Thanks to those of you who have already reached out to me. I look forward to discussing the opportunities we have in the coming year.

Following is the list of current nominees for the fraternal year 2010-2011:

Grand Knight: John K. Leighton	Advocate: Joseph M. Kempf
Deputy Grand Knight: Lewis D. Tillis	Inside Guard: Russell P. Kennedy
Chancellor: David L. Ball	Outside Guards: Michael H. Cox
Warden: Larry J. Royster	Nicholas A. Kendros
Recorder:	Trustees: Shannon H. Doherty (1 Year)
Financial Secretary: James P. Cribbin, PGK	Randy A. Drago (2 Year)
Treasurer: Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer	Christopher H. Dierken (3 Year)
Lecturer: Wilbur G. Wingo	Delegate: Christopher H. Dierken, PGK
	Alternates: Randy A. Drago, PGK
	Patrick B. McAleer, PGK

Additional nominations from the Council floor will be accepted by our current Grand Knight, Christopher H. Dierken. Please do your best to make sure you are there !

THE VANTAGE ANNUITY ADVANTAGE

Concerned about a comfortable and worry-free retirement? Now, in addition to our traditional Flexible Premium Annuity, the Knights of Columbus offers the VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity, and it may be part of the answer for you.

With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, the VANTAGE allows you to lock-in a guaranteed interest rate for five years. In addition, there are several attractive renewal options once the five-year period has expired, including keeping the funds in another VANTAGE Annuity, placing them in a more traditional flexible premium annuity where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or – in the 30-day period prior to the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries – withdrawing the funds without a surrender charge.

The VANTAGE Annuity, along with our Flexible Premium Annuity, both provide the guarantees that Knights of Columbus members have come to expect – guaranteed interest rates along with absolute safety of principal. In addition, we can easily accommodate rollovers and transfers free of charge.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience – in your home – to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve.

Call me – let's talk. Patrick McAleer, FICF, PGK 301-253-3856 or patrick.mcaleer@kofc.org

ANNUAL PARISH GRANT AWARDS LUAU

Our Annual Charity Grant Awards will be presented on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3:00 PM. The event will take place at Father Cuddy Hall and we will celebrate with a luau. Dinner will begin at approximately 4:00.

The grants provide tangible support to each of our 3 parish schools and religion education programs. This support is for equipment, program materials and or classroom improvements.

To date we have given grants totaling \$24,000.00, not including this year's grants that will fund current wish list items.

So come and enjoy the luau atmosphere food and meet the leaders of our parish schools. Cost is only \$6.00 per person.

Contact Deputy Grand Knight John Leighton, 301 340-9143, for reservations.

POSTER WINNERS

Kathie Durbin again coordinated the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest at St. Mary's School. The Building Corporation provided a grant to conduct the contest, in which about 70 children participated. Without a doubt, "Out of the mouths of babes," is appropriate. The students presented their thoughts and ideas creatively and spoke to their peers, as well as adults in their posters. Posters were judged by volunteers outside of the Knights of Columbus and school, and winners were announced at an ice cream party for all contestants. District Deputy, John Durbin, presented the awards, as follows:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Grades 1-3</u>	<u>Grades 4-5</u>	<u>Grades 6-8</u>
1 st Place	Melody Britton	Elizabeth Fessel	Clare Finnell
2 nd Place	Megan Thompson	Julia Muzzatti	Claire Peterson
3 rd Place	Kate Durbin	Lizzie Durbin	Bridgette Clarke
Honorable Mention	Dylan Hamill	Megan McCormick	Brianna Chazin
Honorable Mention	Eileen Bartlett	Maddie Hamill	Jack Blackwell

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night is *usually* celebrated the second Friday of each month (May 14 is questionable at this point in time – please watch for an e-mail/e-vite).

Family Night offers a simple meal for \$10 per person or \$25 per family, along with social time for adults and kids. Proceeds are donated to charity.

SOFTBALL TEAM HOSTING SHRIMP FEAST

Come and enjoy ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP FEAST at the 25th annual Knights of Columbus Softball team fund raiser. Includes: spiced shrimp, french fries, coleslaw, beer, wine, soft drinks and music. Saturday, May 1st 6pm till 9:00 pm* at the Knights of Columbus Hall 17001 Over hill Road in Derwood, MD 20855. Admission is \$20.00/Adult; \$15.00 for over 70 \$10.00 for children 10 and under.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST

The priests of St. Mary's were greeted by parishioners at a coffee and donut social hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 2323 after the 10:30 mass on Sunday, April 18th. Hospitality was lead by Chuck Durbin and enjoyed by all.

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.

URBAN BURGER SUPPORTS THE ROCKVILLE PREGNANCY CENTER

Did you know that the RPC gets 15% of all profits at the Urban Burger Company, 5566 Norbeck Road (Bauer Drive Shopping Center) in Rockville, every first Tuesday of the month through 2010 from 6-9pm.

LENTEN FUNDRAISERS

Dave Ball and Lew Tillis wish to thank everyone who helped make the Lenten Suppers at Hershey's Restaurant so enjoyable. Hershey's hosted us and has donated about \$250 toward our charitable activities.

FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .

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

John Barrientos, Noreen Beavers, Mary Bernatz, Don Bowman,
Robert Cox, Rose Cox, Veronica Datovech (mother of Deacon Jim),
Joan Dudenhoeffer, Ron Dunn, Catherine Fennelly,
Martha Gillis, Judy Hoffmaster, Bill Hornish, Alice Lassiter,
Patricia and James Leighton, Tommy Myers, Paul Noga,
Fran Paepeke, John and Ann Rivera, George Silvas, Sr,
Celia and Bill Toner, Courtney Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Wei,
Armed Forces Worldwide

FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .

For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones of:

Helen Dunn, Hilary Kempf, Maurice Kennedy, Betty Rivers,
Nan Thomas, Nancy Torr, Armed Forces Worldwide,
Coal Miners of West Virginia, and
Victims of the Polish plane crash.

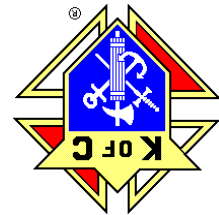
FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .

***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
May 4	Regular Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
May 14	Family Night	6 – 9:00	Father Cuddy Hall
May 18	Regular Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
May 23	Luau and Grant Awards to Parishes	3:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
	State Convention		Ocean City
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June 1	Meeting with Elections	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
June 15	Final Meeting of Fraternal Year	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 6	Regular Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 20	Regular Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
July 24	Installation of New Officers		St. Mary's Church