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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

The strength of the council and indeed the strength of our Order "Knights of Columbus" is in its membership. That is all of the incentive that should be needed to encourage each council to make a strong recruitment effort this spring as we head into the last few months of this fraternal year. Grand Knights, gather your Membership Chairmen and Membership Committees and create a recruitment plan. Recruitment should take place at every council event and by every member every Sunday at every Mass. Remember recruitment is a 365 day a year effort and is everyone's responsibility. If we continue to focus on recruitment and do a little planning I know we can have a strong finish to this fraternal year.

The District Free Throw competition will take place at Mother of God gym in Gaithersburg on Saturday, February 18 from 10:00 AM –11:00 AM. The state Free Throw Competition will be held on March 10, 2012, at Archbishop Spalding High School, 8080 New Cut Road, Severn, Maryland 21144. The competition will begin at 12:00 Noon and run until 2:30 PM. Contestants are asked to arrive no later than 2:00 PM. The Winners will be announced at 2:45 PM.

For all District 30 activities scheduled for February, and to get or read you copy of the Beacon, the state newsletter, please visit our website at www.kofc30.org.

May God bless you and your families...."Maria - make us always aware"

Jack Giacolone, District Deputy, District 3

WE ARE SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

State Deputy Peter Davio told me a couple of weeks ago, "Some men are Knights all their lives." What he meant is that some men, men like Leo Snyder, Pat Cribbin, John Durbin and Ed Dudenhoeffer are active in the Knights of Columbus all their lives. They continue to serve Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Knights as long as they live. There are countless others.

We, the Knights of Columbus, are the second largest army in the world. But, our army is not one of weapons, we aren't out to kill anyone, and we serve out of love for Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6 states "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand

firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints”.

Nowhere does it say we serve for 2-4 years, and our commitment is complete. Nowhere does it say that after twenty years we can retire. The commitment to the Lord should be a lifetime commitment. His commitment to us was for life. His. Can we give less?

The month of January was a strong one for Montgomery Council. Thanks to the diligent effort of Membership Chairman Gary Palmer, twenty-two men took the second degree and seventeen took the third degree of the order. Those are men who have re-emphasized their commitment to the order. How are you planning to continue your service?

Lewis Tillis
Grand Knight

FRATERNAL BENEFITS TAX TIME AGAIN

This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the old cliché about two things we must do... although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you!) "Where did all our money go?" Surely all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere...the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills! Folks usually save what's leftover...and for most folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue – food, shelter, clothing – even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this...it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate – when you consider that your family will be without **any income** should you die.

With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

Call me today for an appointment. 301.384.7627
Fraternally,
Rick Morin, FICF, LUTCF

LEADERSHIP (2011-12)

Chaplain	Father David Beaubien	
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Outside Guard		
Trustee (3 years)	John K. Leighton	301-424-9143
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REPORT OF TRUSTEES

The Council Trustees will conduct the annual audit on Saturday January 28th – all are optimistic that it will go as smoothly as in previous years.

The Trustees invite all members to consider becoming an Officer of the Council. Dedication to the Council by serving as an Officer is a rewarding experience. While the position as Warden is considered the most competitive, the Trustees welcome nominations to all offices. In addition, we will be looking for a Financial Secretary when Brother Cribbin's 3 year term expires, beginning in July 2013.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS completing 1st Degree at Fr. Cuddy Hall December 6. Also, THANK YOU to their Proposers for introducing the gentlemen to our Order:

Brendan Bart/Dan Bart; Brett McNish/Gary Palmer; Benjamin Billingsly/Gary Palmer.

CONGRATULATIONS to Council Members completing 2ND DEGREE at Fr. Cuddy Hall on January 10; there were 22:

Atsu Alamanu-Abotsi, Ahjoku Amadi-obi, Ben Billingsley, Augustin Hama, Jeff Brink, Rhonel Dimaranan, James Genovese, Jeff Freel, Michael Jayner, Bert Keith, Victor Lopez, Mike McCarthy, Paul McGinley, Brett McNish, David Ott, Jaques Payen, Innocent Ranaivoarijaona, Tony Riggio, Michael Rudmann, Alvan Smith, Sean Timms, Victor Yvellez

CONGRATULATIONS to Members completing 3RD DEGREE at Our Lady of Mercy church on January 13; there were 17:

Atsu Alamanu-Abotsi, Ahjoku Amadi-obi, Harry Dierken, Ben Billingsley, Augustin Hama, Bert Keith, Paul Lidberg, Victor Lopez, Mike McCarthy, Brett McNish, Jaques Payen, Guy Poirier, Michael Rudmann, Alvan Smith, Mark Tafuri, Sean Timms, Victor Yvellez

WELCOME our new member who TRANSFERRED to Montgomery Council:

Dan Bart from Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council. Thanks, too, Dan for sponsoring Brendan.

PROPOSED MEMBERS elected, awaiting 1st Degree:

Jonathan Ferrari/Gary Palmer

RECRUITING WHYS:

For the Person Recruited: The opportunity to experience the learning and doing that you have experienced.

For the KofC: New members who bring new energy and new ideas to further the cause of the KofC in supporting the Catholic Church.

For you: The joy of giving someone else the gift of membership, where he can grow in membership and leadership

And also, rewards for you:

Silver Knight Award (pin) from Maryland State District for all members (along with other requirements)

Shining Armor (pin) from Supreme for new members in their first year (along with other requirements)

Very Important Proposer Club from Supreme: points for each 1st degree member proposed (2 or more); various incentives available for the points.

Take Your Lady to Dinner Award (monthly selection by State District from members who proposed new members (along with other requirements)

Special award this year: From Supreme, the Be Not Afraid medallion of Pope John Paul II.

There may be others, let me know if I have missed any!

Gary Palmer, Membership Director, 301-948-6494

Recruiting Hows: Three “make it happen” questions:

Are you or have you ever been a Knight of Columbus?

What would you like to know about the Knights?

Can I help you become a member (and...here is the Form 100 that will make it happen!).

DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Members or Proposers, please contact GK Lewis Tillis, (240) 350-9956 or e-mail: lgdtillis@gmail.com, or Gary Palmer, Membership Director, (301) 948-6494 or gtbdbpalmer@verizon.net, to inquire about or schedule for Exemplifications. Before attending an Exemplification at a site other than Montgomery Council, please contact the Grand Knight or Membership Director to allow them to coordinate with the hosting Council and complete the Degree Authorization form that must accompany you to the site.

COMING 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Listed below are known scheduled exemplifications for Montgomery Council. There are other exemplifications in District 30 or Maryland State that may meet your schedule; see the websites below for latest information.

1ST (CHARITY) DEGREE:

There are 3 1st degrees scheduled at Montgomery Council in this fraternal year. Remember that a proposed member must be read to the Council, interviewed by the Admissions Committee & voted/elected by the Council; last opportunity for Feb 21 will be a vote on Feb 7! There are others available throughout the state, if needed.

Month	Day/Time	Council	Number	Church/Location	Time/Distance from Fr. Cuddy Hall
Feb 2012	Tues 21 @ 8PM (Arrive 7:30 PM)	Montgomery	2323	Fr. Cuddy Hall	NA
Apr	Tues 17 @ 8PM (Arrive 7:30 PM)	Montgomery	2323	Fr. Cuddy Hall	NA
Jun	Tues 19 @ 8PM(Arrive 7:30 PM)	Montgomery	2323	Fr. Cuddy Hall	NA

2ND (UNITY) DEGREE:

No more currently scheduled for Montgomery Council in this fraternal year (thru June 30); listed below are other nearby exemplifications. Bring membership card showing 1st degree; wear coat

and tie. For exemplifications at other Councils, candidates must have FS and GK complete a Degree Authorization form.

Month	Day/Time	Council	Council #	Church/Hall/City	Distance/Driving time
February	21 @7PM	Fr. Rosensteel	2169	9707 Rosensteel Ave. Silver Spring	11 mi/25 min
March	22@8PM	Rock Creek	2797	5417 West Cedar Lane Bethesda	12 min/20 min
April	24@8PM	Our Lady of Fatima	6901	Our Lady of Fatima Barnesville	21 mi/31 min

3RD (FRATERNITY) DEGREE:

Third Degree Exemplifications are not conducted at Montgomery Council 2323's Father Cuddy Hall; listed below are nearby exemplifications scheduled for the rest of the year (until June 30, 2011). Bring membership card showing 2nd degree; wear coat and tie. For exemplifications at other Councils, must have FS and GK completed authorization form.

Month	Day/Time	Council	Council #	Church/City	Distance/Driving time
February	17/7:30 PM	St. Timothy's	12255	Walkersville	35 mi/45 min
May	18/7:30 PM	Westminster	1393	Westminster	38 mi/60 min

4TH (PATRIOTIC) DEGREE: Archdiocese of Washington District Exemplifications are held once a year, Saturday April 14, 2012 this year. Candidates must have been 1st degree prior to October 13, 2011 and completed 2nd & 3rd degree. Information is available at the Sullivan Assembly web site below. To request the 4th Degree, contact Sir Knight John Durbin 301-762-4448 or jindurbin@msn.com.

KofC Websites with Exemplification schedules/calendars:

The Council 2323 website: www.kofc2323.org>Our Council calendar

The District 30 website: www.kofcd30.org

The Maryland State website: www.kofc-md.org > Degrees (Right side of Home Page)

The Sullivan Brothers Assembly (for 4th Degree) website: www.sullivan2861.org>4th Degree Information>Exemplification Information and Forms.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP (AGE & SERVICE) (Automatically identified by Supreme)

Honorary: Age 65 with 25 years of continuous service

Honorary Life: Members age 70 with 25 years of continuous service or 50 years of continuous service regardless of age.

Next issue we'll highlight our Honorary Life members.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TIP

Don't recycle/throw away your monthly KofC Columbia magazine. Instead, after you read it, give it to someone you think might enjoy reading it, and then ask if he might be interested in joining! Follow through with helping him fill out a Form 100.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Annual All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 12th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Father Cuddy Hall. The dinner includes spaghetti with sauce and meatballs, salad, bread, sodas, beer and wine. The cost is \$10.00 for Adults (ages 14 & above); \$7.00 for children (ages 7 to 13); free for children 6 & under; and, \$35.00 maximum for a family. The dinner supports the St. Francis of Assisi's Medical Mission to Haiti. Please call Mike Thomas for tickets in advance at (301) 330-5970 or cinnabarmike@verizon.net.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Council is hosting a 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Communion Breakfast. Please plan to attend on Saturday, February 18. Contact Lewis Tillis, [301-330-7317](tel:301-330-7317). or Dave Ball, [301-924-1179](tel:301-924-1179) to RSVP. A \$5 donation per person is suggested.

INVITATION TO FATHER PETER PAUL MAHER COUNCIL EVENTS

Father Maher Council has two fun fund-raising events coming up to which we are invited.

The first one is a **Valentine's Dinner/Dance and 'Four Bit' Auction**, with a great meal, beer and wine, on Saturday, 11 February, from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at St. Peter's Parish hall on Route 108, just east of Georgia Avenue, in Olney. Cost is only \$35.00 per person for a wonderful pre-Valentine's evening with your spouse. Tickets to bid on the auction items are only 50 cents each. The proceeds of this event will go to Msgr. John Fitzgerald's 'Apostleship of the Sea' program in the port of Baltimore. Msgr. Fitzgerald has been invited to attend.

The second event is the **36th annual all-you-can-eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** on Saturday, 25 February, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church on Route 108, just west of Georgia Avenue, in Olney. Cost is only \$7.00 per person. The proceeds of this event will go to our council's scholarship fund.

All are encouraged to attend and invite friends to make the events even more fun. GK Steve Goldhammer at (301) 570-9613

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS

Knights of Columbus, Montgomery County Council #2323, is again hosting Lenten Suppers on Friday, February 24 and Friday, March 16 (6:00 to 8:00pm). These are open to all and will be at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood, Maryland, 20855-0626. Dinner includes fish fillets, coleslaw, and French fries, or, for the kids, fish sticks and mac n' cheese. You'll also find great conversation, all for only \$10.50/ adult, \$7.50 for children ages 7-13, 6 years of age and younger are free of charge. Maximum charge per family will be \$36.00.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING



The moment you have been waiting for, we are taking orders on the second batch of Knights of Columbus numbered *refreshment* mugs. The numbers will be 25-48.

The cost for the mug is \$30. \$20 of the sale cost goes to charity, with the first batch we netted \$480 that helped supplement past family nights. We take cash or check, make the check out to the knights of Columbus. You can bring the donation to a meeting or one of the family nights



Thank you to current participants in the numbered mug program. Thanks for supporting our charities and events and our reduce/reuse/recycling efforts.

MUG #	OWNER'S NAME		MUG #	OWNER'S NAME
1	Mike Bean		13	Bob Scanlon
2	Pat Gilroy		14	Mark Lynch
3	Matt Kaluziensi		15	Guy Poirier
4	John Leighton		16	John Bean #2
5	Tom Splaine		17	Matt McCormick
6	Mark Hannan		18	Todd Dickerson
7	Mark Stiles		19	Drew Hoffmaster
8	Matt Mongelli		20	Mark Tafuri
9	Victor Muzzatti		21	Michael Creamer
10	John Bean #3		22	Chuck Durbin
11	Kevin Bean		23	Paul Lidberg
12	Mike Thomas		24	Jim Denion

Join the ranks this year while purchases are available. Contact Mike Bean at mbean@cfinish.com or 301-460-6193 Thanks

KofC CLOTHING AND OTHER ARTICLES

Interested in some of the clothing or other articles that you see other Knights in Montgomery Council wearing? Look at the web site: <http://www.kofcsupplies.com/> for official supplies with the K of C logo.

NEWSPAPER BAGS TO SAVE AND REUSE

Wilbur Wingo asks that we collect clean, dry newspaper bags – particularly the yellow ones in which the morning paper is delivered . . . for those of you who still have home delivery. Wilbur will take these to be filled with 6 diapers (6 fit just right). The diapers are distributed through the St. Martin's food pantry and Lord's Table.

PULL TABS FOR CHARITY

Please continue saving the pull tabs, and let's double what we donated in 2010. Just place the pull tabs in a plastic baggie and drop it in the container near the bar.

Special THANKS to Brother Pete Sante who collected a kitty litter container full!

If you need a container, or need to turn some in, please call Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970 or see the organization's website pulltabsforcharity.org for more information.

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 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 two months or so, please be certain that we have your current e-mail address. It's best to drop a note to kofcmontgomery2323@gmail.com so that we can add or update your e-mail.

HELP US KEEP RECORDS CURRENT

You should receive this Courier in the mail and via email. Please check the mailing address and parish designation on the label and let us know of corrections needed. If you are not receiving your email copy or other occasional emails from us, please send us quick note to be sure we have your current email. Send updates to KofCMontgomery2323@gmail.com or leave a message for the Hoffmasters at 301 770 7840.

FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .

***Of Thanksgiving for Many Blessings and Prayers Already Answered; and
For Restoration of Health.***

Joan Dudenhoeffer, Dolly Penick, Lewis Tillis, Toddler Christopher Vita

FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .

For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones.

FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .

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

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

February 7	8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Father Cuddy Hall
February 11	7 to 11 p.m.	Valentine's Dance and 4-Bit Auction	St. Peter's Parish Hall, Olney
February 12	3-7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner for funding Medical Mission to Haiti	Father Cuddy Hall
February 16	8:00 p.m.	Sullivan Brothers Meeting, Renew Obligtns	Father Cuddy Hall
February 17	7:30 p.m.	Third Degree	St. Timothy, Walkersville
February 18	9:00 a.m.	Mass and Communion Breakfast	Father Cuddy Hall
February 18	10-11 a.m.	District Free Throw Contest	Mother of God School Gym
February 21	Arrive 7:30	First Degree at 8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 21	7:00 p.m.	Second Degree	Fr. Rosensteel, Silver Spring
February 24	6-8:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper	Father Cuddy Hall
February 25	8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Fr Maher Council's 36th All-You-Can-Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast	St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney
March 6	8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Father Cuddy Hall
March 10		State Free Throw Contest	Archbishop Spalding HS, Severn, MD
March 15	8:00 p.m.	Sullivan Brothers Meeting	Father Cuddy Hall
March 16	6-8:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper	Father Cuddy Hall
March 20	8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Father Cuddy Hall
March 22	8:00 p.m.	Second Degree	Rock Creek, Bethesda
April 3	8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Father Cuddy Hall
April 13-15		State 4 th Degree Exemplification	Colony South, Clinton, MD
April 17	Arrive 7:30	First Degree at 8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
April 19	8:00 p.m.	Sullivan Brothers Meeting	Father Cuddy Hall
April 24	8:00 p.m.	Second Degree	Our Lady of Fatima, Barnesville

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