



Knights' Courier



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MONTGOMERY COUNCIL #2323
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FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA

Dear Brother Knights,

We have just completed the installation of our new Council Officers and already plans are being designed for a host of activities that will allow our members to engage in the great works of charity that are characteristic of our brotherhood. For example, I just overheard a conversation about the who, the what, the when and the how of conducting the "Tootsie Roll" campaign this September, and it brought joy to my heart.

If just hearing about it brings joy, how much deeper the happiness and satisfaction of those who invest their very selves, their time, and their energy into this or other programs! And how much joy it will bring to those who will be the beneficiaries of these works of charity! But I would like to point to another reason for us to experience this joy. It is because this work that we do is the fruit of listening to the word of Christ and carrying it out. It is because by it we become more truly the disciples of Christ.

Whenever we listen to the word of God, (whether we read it ourselves or someone else reads it to us), our minds and hearts are being transformed, however gradually. Hence the importance of listening or reading intently, so that the word sinks in and penetrates, so as to bear fruit thirtyfold, or sixtyfold or a hundredfold, as Our Lord promises. Our prayer and our worship of God then bear fruit in our day to day world. What we are saying is that when His word enters us, Christ becomes more real to us, and our joy of becoming more Christ-like becomes more real. May Christ himself assist and guide us in this transformation, dear brother knights.

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

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY, JOHN DURBIN

Dear Brother Knights:

Congratulations on attaining Star Council for 2006-2007 go to Father Horace McKenna 11024, St Paul's 11105, and Our Lady of Guadalupe 12127.

All councils are to be congratulated on just a great year. This year, 2007-2008 we can make 100% of our councils attain Star Council. A special "Thank You" to our Fraternal Benefits Advisor, Pat McAleer, for his diligence and hard work to successfully qualify our district for Star District with the insurance numbers needed. It was very difficult but he made it happen through determination and being very good at what he does.

July has been a very busy month for all of us and continues to be busy. The Grand Knights feel pressure to get their installations scheduled and guests invited and a practice scheduled plus trying to settle in with their first meetings of the year. This does not include the meeting for our District and our initial First Degree of the year hosted by Father McKenna Council on July 19th.

Our Councils are in good hands. These Grand Knights and their Deputies are going to get the work accomplished, and, with the help of all of us, we will have a great time doing it. The Deputy Grand Knights are a vital part in assuring the success of all Council programs. I invite and encourage all Deputy Grand Knights to attend District meetings with your Grand Knight. We all need to share our talents unselfishly and you have a lot of ideas that will help us.

August promises to be a busy month as well. We will still have three more Council installations to celebrate, plus activities planned by each Council. The Membership/Program Seminar for our District will be held during August, around the 30th. The time and place are to be announced soon. Membership, Family, Youth, Community, Council and Church Directors/Chairman plan to attend. The Seminar is open to all, so anyone wishing to attend please feel free to do so.

The State Family picnic is scheduled for September 1, 2007. This is a fun event and all members and their families are welcome and asked to attend. See a separate article in this newsletter for more details.

In closing, a reminder that August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. While attending Mass on that day please keep in mind our Military men and women and their families.

God Bless You and Your Families,

Vivat Jesus

John L. Durbin, DD#3

FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, SHANNON DOHERTY

My Brothers All:

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the Installation of Officers last month. The ceremony was well executed and the reception was well received and enjoyed by all. A special thank you goes to our Worthy State Secretary Richard Siejack and his gracious wife Pat. Those that were unable to attend missed a delicious dinner and enlightening speeches. Every brother should attempt to come to an Installation in the future. Thanks go out to Bobby Mongelli and his crew for another great meal.

I am still looking for volunteers for all of our programs. We need leaders for membership teams at each of our parishes. Membership Blitzes will be scheduled for this fall. If we can get four men to coordinate one each of our youth functions, we can keep this program as one of our finest. Tootsie Roll season is

approaching quickly and Chris Dierken is busy setting up this program. Please call him, at 301-948-3248, about your availability this year. We will host our annual Senior Citizens Dance on September 15th. Community Director Calvin Ogden can always use volunteers for this function. Please contact Calvin at 301-990-8641.

Some of our brothers cannot drive themselves to meetings. If you know of a brother in need or can give a neighbor a ride, please let me know and we can coordinate the transportation.

State Council has asked for help with two programs. First is support for a new pro-life movie entitled *Bella*. Our support will arrange for special viewings of the film for Knights and their families. The second is the "Backpack Program" being coordinated by our State Council's First Lady Lisa Haynes. Transparent backpacks filled with educational supplies will be distributed to underprivileged school students. If you are interested in donating to either of these programs, please call me at 301-963-5027.

The State Council will hold a program and membership seminar August 28th at Fr. Rosensteel Council. I encourage all brothers interested in taking a leadership role in these areas to attend. Brothers, please find a program that you can help with. It is together, as a team, that we will keep our council successful.

Fraternally,

Shannon H. Doherty, Grand Knight

From the Supreme Council

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) will broadcast live from the Supreme Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. The live broadcast will include the Opening Mass (10:00 a.m.), Supreme Knight's Report (2:00 p.m.) and States Dinner (8:00 p.m.). Additional information on the convention broadcast is available on the Supreme Council website www.kofc.org. Click on 125th Convention.

From the Maryland State Council

All Knights and their families are invited and encouraged enjoy the State Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 1, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be at North Point State Park, near Edgemere in Baltimore County. This is a nice State Park on the Chesapeake, and will make a great outing. Enjoy the fun, food, soft drinks, beer and children's games included in the very modest admission prices:

1 person is \$8; up to 4 people are \$15, and more than 4 people are only \$20.

The Park Service charges \$3 for parking. If you'd like more information, or have questions, call John Durbin at (301) 762-4448.

Directions from south of Baltimore:

Take Baltimore beltway 695 North towards Glen Burnie/Key Bridge. Follow 695 over Key Bridge to Exit 43 (Bethlehem Boulevard/Sparrows Point). Get off at Exit 43 and make left at first blinking light (Bethlehem Boulevard). Follow Bethlehem Boulevard/158 East for one mile to North Point Boulevard. Cross over North Point Boulevard onto North Point Road (Route 20). Follow Route 20 through Edgemere for 1.9 miles to park on left..

LEADERSHIP (2007-08)

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. Robert V. Zylla, O.S.C.	301-447-5641
Grand Knight	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Deputy Grand Knight	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
Chancellor	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Warden	John K. Leighton	301-340-9143
Recorder	Drew J. Hoffmaster	301-770-7840
Financial Secretary	James P. Cribbin, PGK, FDD	301-770-7784
Lecturer	Wilbur J. Wingo	301-869-6254
Treasurer	Edwin E. Dudenhoeffer	301-774-4262
Advocate	Michael S. Hamm	301-251-0939
Inside Guard	George F. Griffin, Jr.	301-424-5074
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	Joseph M. Kempf	301-460-8918
Trustees	Guy W. Beaven, PGK (1 yr.)	301-921-9881
	Leo H. Snyder (2 yr.)	301-208-8930
	Kevin M. Ginley, PGK (3 yr.)	301-208-1170
Delegate	Kevin M. Ginley, PGK	301-208-1170
Convention Alt. #1	Open	
Convention Alt. #2	Open	

Council Activity Directors

Council	Randy A. Drago	301-963-7521
Church & Vocations	Christopher H. Dierken	301-948-4238
Community	Calvin J. Ogden	301-990-8641
Pro-Life	Kevin & Bernadette Ginley	301-208-1170
Family	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Youth	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Membership	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Retention	Shannon H. Doherty	301-963-5027
Fourth Degree	John L. Durbin, DD, PGK	301-762-4448
Refreshments	Michael F. Ambrosia	301-869-5115
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Public Relations	Guy W. Beaven, PGK	301-921-9881
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For questions or problems, please call Shannon Doherty, (301) 963-5027

Help Wanted

This is to inform the membership that I will no longer be running the Entertainment Book fund raising after this year. This year's fund raiser will start in mid to late August and runs through December. What I would like to see happen is for one or more members to step up and work with me this year and take over the fund raiser next year. I will help anyone get started next year.

This is a very important fund raiser for our Council. Next to the Dues, the Entertainment Book fund raiser comes in second. From a slow start some years ago, we are now achieving a profit of \$2,500.00. There is potential to do even better.

There are some perks associated with this fund raiser, which I will be happy to share with you. If interested, call Ed Dudenhoeffer, 301-774-4262 – email: edduden@verizon.net.

Ed Dudenhoeffer, Entertainment Book Chairman

2007-08 Directory and E-mail Group

The bulk of this edition of the *Courier* is a Directory of members with phone numbers and addresses of record. However, e-mail is by far, the fastest means of distributing information, particularly last-minute or emergency items and requests for assistance. Please contact Shannon Doherty at GK@kofc2323.com to add or to change your e-mail address on Council records. We would like to include e-mail addresses in the next update of the Directory. Please let Shannon know your thoughts on this. Also, please send corrections or updates for the Directory to Drew Hoffmaster at Hoffmast13@msn.com or at the phone number listed in the Directory.



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, we especially pray for:

Bettye Doherty James Leighton Bob Werner, PGK Celia Toner Joe Toner
Lenore Cribbin Sharon Zetts Military Personnel Worldwide



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS



For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones of:

Charles "Bud" Penick, PGK Woody Clark Charlie Murray Military personnel worldwide



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS



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

John Kozar, James "Pat" Cribbin, Terrance Kernan, Frank Dunleavy, George Bill, Thomas Straub, Kevin Bean, Edward Daniel, Patrick Carpentier, Anatol Surak, Paul Staufer, Roger Kimiecik, Martin Haladay, Martin Brennan, Christopher Minovich, Edward Dudenhoeffer, Henry Mongelli, Jr., Michael Thomas, William Frazier, Timothy Kreps, Steven Wagner, Bob Joyce, Jon Rix, Gerald O'Brien, Joseph Heller, Michael Lapp, William Hoyle

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COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Aug 7	Regular Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
Aug 21	Regular Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 16	Sullivan Brothers Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
August 28	Program Seminar	7:30 p.m.	Father Rosensteel Council
September 1	State Picnic	10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	North Point State Park in Edgemere
September 9	Special Olympics Picnic	3:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
September 15	Senior Citizens Dinner Dance	5:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall