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Montgomery Council 2323

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2015-16 Council Officers Proposed by Trustees

KofC Submits To Members Its Officers' Ballot For New Fraternal Year

 <i>For</i> Grand Knight: Mike Bean	 <i>For</i> Dep. Grand Knight: John DeMaré
 <i>For</i> Chancellor: SK Edward L. Day	 <i>For</i> Warden: SK George G. Silvas II
Knights of Columbus Council 2323	Fraternal Year 2015-16 Elections
<i>For</i> Recorder	Ross Woodward III
<i>For</i> Treasurer	Bernie McGuire
<i>For</i> Advocate	Joseph M. Kempf
<i>For</i> Inside Guard	Joel Thomas
<i>For</i> Outside Guard	Nathan Gagnon
<i>For</i> Trustee (3 year)	Michael Joseph III
<i>For</i> Trustee (2 year)	Larry Royster
<i>For</i> Trustee (1 year)	Dave Ball
<i>For</i> Convention Delegates	Mike Bean & Michael Joseph
<i>For</i> Alternate Convention Delegates	Larry Royster & David Ball

These are the elected positions to be voted on by membership. Former Warden Victor Sogah will now be the Council's Program Director. The election was scheduled for the June 2 social meeting. The Grand Knight appoints the Chaplain, Associate Chaplain and Lecturer. Supreme Council appoints the Financial Secretary.

After his monthly report, Grand Knight Mike Joseph will hand over the meeting to the trustees (Past Grand Knights), who run the election. Each name will be individually entered for nomination, and other nominations will be sought. First Trustee and PGK Larry

Royster will ask three times if anyone wants to nominate themselves or another candidate. Nominations are closed, then seconded, then moved to voice vote.

The “ayes” or “nays” will have it. If there are opposed candidates, an election will be held, requiring a blank sheet of paper, distributed to collect votes. A formal installation letter will confirm winners. Officers step in July 1 and the incoming Grand Knight will decide the time/location of the installation ceremony. Should presumptive nominee **DGK Mike Bean** be elected Grand Knight, it would be at St. Mary’s Church in Rockville, Md. on a Saturday morning, with a reception to follow at Fr. Cuddy Hall.

The four “chair” officers will serve a year, and it’s presumed they’ll move up the ladder. The other officers serve a year; some may repeat terms. **Joe Kempf,** for example, has been Advocate since 2005. If, as a Knight, you’re interested in stepping up, make a self-nomination from the floor. *Leadership is an honor and a privilege.*

Softball Team Invites You Out For A Smile

Cheer ‘Em On: They Take No Prisoners But Show *Knighthly* Mercy

GAMES LEFT KNIGHTS SOFTBALL



6 p.m., May 13: Lower Woodley Gardens Field, 900 Nelson St., Rockville

8:15 p.m., May 20: Broome Field 1, 751 Twinbrook Parkway (old Broome Middle School), Rockville

8:15 p.m., May 27:

Broome Field 1

8:15 p.m., June 3: Broome 2

6 p.m., June 10: Lower Woodley Gardens Field

Yearn for old-fashioned fraternity and collegiality, and a few laughs? Come out to a Knights Council 2323 men’s league slow-pitch softball game. You only have five chances left this season! (*See schedule, adjacent.*) Regulars **Bob and Matt Mongelli; Kevin, Mike and John Bean; Paul Lidberg and Jeff Brink,** all coached by the effervescent **Mike Thomas,** put on an entertaining show versus teams like the “Hurricanes” (City of Rockville) and “Hard Times Chili Boys,” in the Rockville men’s league. **Bob and Kevin are the team veterans and our newly slated,** presumed second-generation **Grand Knight, Mike Bean** takes third seniority as long-time player. “These are a great bunch of guys who have played together a long time,” says presumed GK Bean. “It’s a great time.” “We play about 20 games a season, including the post season and playoffs,” says **Coach Mike Thomas,** who, with a knee replacement and heart procedure, only plays if he has to. (He keeps a mean scorebook, recording tons of hits, runs and few errors.)

Team record so far this season is 3-2-1. The Knights’ games typically are double-headers, with two games played on a single date. There’s no fall season. So come out and cheer for your brother Knights, or just yell at them when they hit pop flies and/or drop a ball. You won’t see much of that—examine all the trophies in Fr. Cuddy Hall. These guys play like they cook—*with lotsa oomph.* They took the city division championship a handful of times and won the Championship at least twice. **Games last seven innings,** or, are “mercy ruled” early if there’s a 20-run difference in the 3rd inning, a 15-run difference in

the 4th inning or a 10-run difference by the 5th inning. The Knights offer no mercy on the field, but gallons of it off the field. *So come out and watch ‘em “play ball!”*

Donate Your Old Eyeglasses To The Less Fortunate Among Us

When Mike Thomas isn't at the softball field or cooking spaghetti, he's doing more good for the Knights. His eyeglass drive is ongoing. Please bring your good-condition but aged eyeglasses to Fr. Cuddy Hall to donate to the less fortunate. **Contact Mike** at 301-330-5970, or cinnabarmike@verizon.net if you have questions.

Profile: FS/SK Pat Cribbin Leads, Tongue-In-Cheek

St. Mary's Parishioner Has Been Knights' Financial Secretary For 36 Years



SK/FS Pat Cribbin
(in relaxed pose)

Pat's Pasts

- District Warden
- Council Trustee
- Grand Knight
- Dep. Grand Knight
- Chancellor
- Warden
- Soon ...**
- Financial Secretary

Look in the dictionary under **SERVICE**. You ought to see **Sir Knight Pat Cribbin**, the “I’m-past-everything” guy: Past Grand Knight (1988-89), past Deputy Grand Knight, past Chancellor, past Warden—and soon, after 36 years of service, Past Financial Secretary.

On June 30, 2016, his Financial Secretary term runs out, and on Aug. 1 this year, the accountant turns 79. **Wow. He's one of the longest serving members of the Council**, becoming a 1st – 2nd & 3rd Degree Knight in 1978. The next year, he became Financial Secretary, and the Council hasn't needed a FS since. He has worn **too many to count** hats, including “money counter” after St. Mary's bingo (see “Pat's Pasts,” left). He received the 4th Degree, becoming a Sir Knight in 1989. (Dang, Paddy boy, what took you so long?)

“I'm an honorary—I mean ornery—life member in both the Assembly and the Order,” he says. He was Warden to District 30 and appointed by Supreme Council to his FS post. He stopped moving—he literally was on his way out the door of his home before the *Courier* media platoon ambushed him to capture his tongue-in-cheek advice for his to-be-named successor.

He does so here in Q&A format.

Q: What are the duties of the Financial Secretary?

A: “I have duties,” he jokes. “Like antagonizing the membership. I say bad words to the Grand Knight. I work with **Treasurer Bernie McGuire Jr.**—he's OK. We've worked together for years. I was treasurer for years, but Bernie and I worked together to maintain the organization. Being well-organized is vital to a successful Council.”

Q: Yes, I hear that's your strong suit.

A: “I do try to keep Council records and membership records current. I process dues, and membership cards ... in a timely fashion. I form good relationships with members of the Council, State and Supreme councils.”

Q: And this is a “paid position,” yes?

A: “For this, I receive 10% of dues collected. That’s part of bylaws of most councils. I also receive a tiny payment from Supreme for insurance members. Bernie keeps the records. All dues go to the Treasurer and out of that total, 10% goes to me. I pay social security and Medicare tax and report that on my tax return. It’s not much more than \$1,000.”

Q: Why is it so important for the Knights to stay fiscally solvent?

A: “The CPA exam asked that too; I couldn’t answer. Well, because the whole council depends on the solvency of the organization. We’ve got to have a solvent organization so we don’t go down the tubes. Today, the problem is in collecting dues. It seems like membership knows they’re supposed to pay, but have a heck of a time dragging it out. We’re working on a new system with **UKnight** to possibly send out a bill June 15 where you can pay via credit card. It’s worked with other councils.”

Q: What has been your greatest reward? Do you look forward to your FS retirement?

A: “You never retire from the Knights. It’s like the Marines. I’m an honorary life member. I’ll always be a past Grand Knight. I enjoyed being in service to the Maryland Council, this Council and Supreme. I work hand in hand with them all. Online, or in the Cloud, or manually, oh Lord—now that was something else. The greatest thing was when Supreme took over the membership rolls for honorary life members.”

Q: Why should someone become a Knight and get involved?

A: “I think that’s the fulfillment of any Knight, not just to come and sit down but to be involved with the organization itself. I’m 78 years old; there’s no mandatory retirement. The old line is: ‘it doesn’t take time to do the job, don’t worry about it.’”

Congrats to Pat on his 36 years of service! (And a few laughs.) Bravo!

Bowling. Then Special Ceremony 1st Degree

7 College Students Join Knights of Columbus, 4 New Council 2323 Members

By Terry Waters, District 1 Deputy

First, we bowled with our college Knight candidates, and the following Saturday before Holy Week, welcomed them into the Order. What better way to mark the beginning of Holy Week than by celebrating a special 1st Degree Exemplification that enabled seven college men to join the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. But that’s what we did as Montgomery Council hosted the degree at Fr. Cuddy Hall in Derwood.

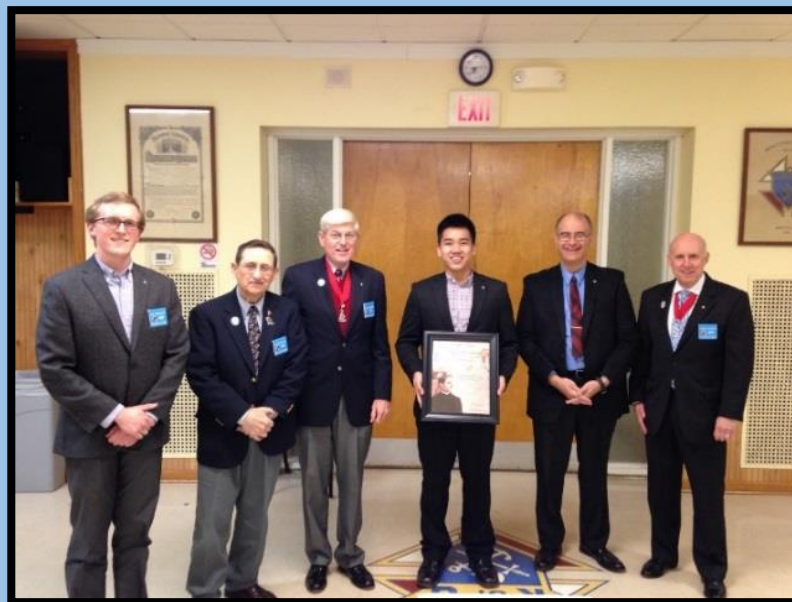
Three of the newest Knights attend University of Maryland while four attend Montgomery College. Four will be Council 2323 members, including: **Leo Azucena** (soon to transfer to 13295), **Yuri Forgues**, **Christian Flores** and **Jeremiah Opinion**. Please say hello when you see them. It was a wonderful evening. Special thanks are in order!

Grand Knight Mike Joseph served as host and literally opened his Council doors for the ceremony. The degree team came from a number of Councils, including **Joe Murtha, PGK 6901; Jim Gallagher, PGK-11105; Brian Hiles, 12127; Gary Guy, 12127;** and, **Tony Durso, DW-D1**.

Dignitaries included Steve Goldhammer, DD-D30, and myself (Terry Waters, DD-D1); Tony Durso, DW-D1, Jay Schaefer, DW-D33, and Avellino Ernestanto, GK-

13295. On a special note, this degree was conducted in honor of Avellino, due to great work he has done over the months to bring these young men into our Order.

Congratulations to our newest Knights! Thanks, too, to our Knights and their wives, who participated in the bowling event a week earlier at Bowlmor Lanes, Gaithersburg. It was fun to get together with the college guys. Knights participating included **District Deputy Mike Danowski** and his wife, **Molly**; **Jim Campbell**; **Grand Knight Avellino Ernestanto**; **Grand Knight Mike Joseph (2323)**, **Deputy Grand Knight Mike Bean (2323)**; **State Membership Director Bryan Adamczyk**. *Vivat Jesus!*



**Member Profile: Memorial Day Reminds Us—Pray For Our War Dead
But Pray For Our Heroes Fighting—This Day—For Freedom Worldwide**



Photo: U.S Army, 2011

U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff Daniel Allyn (left), now a four-star general, presents Capt. Ivan Torres with the Silver Star, one of the nation's three top Valor awards. The General's command included the 1st Cavalry Division when Maj. Torres was Captain and proved exceptional gallant action and uncanny leadership as he led a joint force in Afghanistan. Fewer than 600 of more than 2 million who served in Iraq/Afghanistan received a Silver Star. Maj. Torres, an active-duty military strategist, is a 2nd Degree Knight in Montgomery Council 2323, Derwood, Md.

On a moonless night, at an altitude of 12,000 feet, a company of soldiers from the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division jumped out of CH-47 Chinook helicopters onto rugged terrain in Afghanistan's Qowl-e Her Valley. The elite fighters, including Afghan National security forces, were part of **Operation Thunderdome**. **Its mission:** Clear the valley of insurgent forces and kill or capture Taliban leaders, all who were conducting attacks throughout western Parwan Province. **Capt. Ivan Torres**, now a Council 2323 Knight and active-duty U.S. Army Major, a military strategist at the Pentagon, led the joint maneuver force over the mountains toward

the objective. Suddenly, the joint force, which had so carefully and quietly entered the landing zone, was ambushed. In a coordinated attack by a senior Taliban leader and his forces—no fewer than 45 insurgent fighters, armed with AK-47 machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), sniper rifles, machine guns and mortars, attacked.

U.S. forces would find out after the seven-and-a-half hour battle on Sept. 21, 2011 that an ANP spy with a cell phone almost sabotaged the mission. (The running Afghan joke: it's a 12th century country where everyone has a smartphone, cell service being its only modernization.) Taliban became aware of the operation. Insurgents placed improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along three mountain ridges, planning mass casualties. But despite robbing the element of surprise and establishing a tactically superior position, enemy forces were crippled, forcing a retreat. Command of the battlefield, and low loss of life, was due to **Capt. Torres'** bravery. One Afghan National was killed, and three wounded. The 23 Taliban fighters killed included a senior Taliban commander. Four American troops were wounded, including Capt. Torres.

Withering fire from three, high-ground positions isolated the lead platoon from the main force and hindered how it could maneuver—otherwise it would have ripped itself apart via friendly fire. Capt. Torres organized three counter-attacks, charging as he led up

front. He drove through two enemy positions to reach his isolated platoon. His coordinated attacks pushed the enemy back. He drew fire to counter-attack the Taliban. He maneuvered through kill zones, again and again. **From the U.S. Army Silver Star narrative:** *“With total disregard for his own life, Capt. Torres moved into the exposed kill zone and engaged a machine gun nest with only his M4 ... AK-47 fire struck all around ... he never wavered ... and continued to engage ... allowing for extraction of the pinned-down squad.”*

Capt. Torres aided Afghan National soldiers, again putting himself in the line of fire. He organized a collection point for the wounded, ran through the kill zone for the medic and for supplies that saved lives. One counter-attack he led drove Taliban away from the collection site. **From the report:** *“As the wounded were being medevac’d, their UH-60 [Black Hawk, twin-engine helicopter] came under fire. Capt. Torres once again [put himself in front of] ... enemy fire to draw their attention.”*

Throughout the battle, calling on Hellfire missile support from Apache helicopters, **Capt. Torres** “de-conflicted” intricate airspace between close-air support aircraft—rotary wing, medevac, and quick-reaction force aircraft. He controlled all maneuver elements. His “unwavering combat leadership and poise under fire”—he opened himself to enemy fire no fewer than six times—“inspired all under his command and was directly responsible for saving the lives of U.S. and Afghan soldiers while delivering a devastating defeat,” according to the report. At least seven of his soldiers received commendations from the difficult battle, an account of which can be found in the U.S. National Archives; the battle also was set to be included in soldier stories’ book.

Capt. Torres’ own injury in the fight, during the medical evacuation, was from an RPG shockwave that knocked him briefly unconscious and later required tendon and ligament surgery in his left foot. He earned a Purple Heart. Aiding his profound courage in each battle was his Faith, something under attack worldwide today, even within our Armed Forces. Throughout the Afghan battle, he carried a pocket Bible and a treasured Rosary from his late brother, Jerry, who died from complications from a routine surgery in 2009. For every conflict, Maj. Torres was armed with the greatest weapon of all—the Holy Rosary. Besides the Silver Star, he has received four Bronze Stars and more than 22 commendations. He’s a family man who seeks more involvement in the Knights, but works demanding, Pentagon active duty. His most difficult task of late is finding time to receive the Order’s 3rd Degree. He knows the 4th Degree is for Patriotism and he longs for *that* honor. **Courier Editor Joe Schuler Jr. spoke with now-Maj. Torres, and condensed the interview into a Q&A format:**

Q: Why did you become a Knight?

A: “My dad, who passed away in April 2014, was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He was a Knight. It made an impression on me as a kid. We always had a strong call to public service.

He considered the priesthood, but was drafted, and liked the Army. I had uncles who were Knights, too.”

Q: How has being a Knight amplified your Catholic Faith?

A: “It has drawn me closer to the Faith—there’s something special about it. It’s a sense of duty, being there for others, giving back. It has helped my family. I’ve been married 10 years and have four children; one passed at childbirth. My daughter was born last September. My wife’s faith is very strong. We enjoy praying together and learning the Faith together. We’re better off as a family. We try to live as devoted as we can. We are St. Mary’s parishioners. The 4th Degree is a goal of mine. One of my uncles has been in the Assembly a long time. I always looked up to him; I aspire to it.”

Q: Please share some brief background of your early life.

A: “My mom was from El Paso; my dad from Puerto Rico. We moved all over, starting at Fort Bliss. I was active in sports and Junior ROTC, the National Honor Society. In senior year, I was head drum major and one of the ROTC program battalion commanders ... I was involved and sought places to help others and make a difference in improving something.”

Q: Tell us about Faith on the battlefield.

A: “It’s hard to describe—‘challenging’ might be the better word. When leading soldiers, for me to pray is very important. It’s something I always came back to. Unfortunately for the Army, there’s a huge shortage of priests, so it’s good that the Supreme Council has a program for chaplains, to address that. It’s very rare for a priest to say a field Mass. In

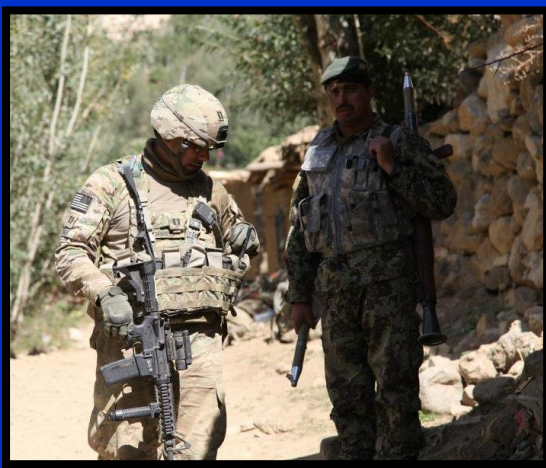


Photo: U.S Army, 2011

As an Afghan National soldier with RPG5 and rocket launcher looks on, Capt. Torres checks his loads early in battle. He carried more than double the usual 175 for his M4 carbine, well over 300 round ... and a Rosary in a sleeve pocket.

Afghanistan, we had only two priests in the entire country. But our Division Chaplain was a priest. When he was with us, he would spend time with us often. I would always go to my Faith. I would definitely go to Confession. It was important to be confessed before going out. It was important to me to carry a Rosary. My older brother passed in 2009, so it was important I carry his Rosary. In the moment, when everyone is looking to you to give direction, it’s important to keep grounded. And when I had a few moments to myself, I’d go back, whether it was the Bible I carry with me, or to my brother’s Rosary.”

Q: What was common to all your missions?

A: “You’re dealing with people. No matter where you are from, what part of the World you’re in, when it comes to things

like, ‘I don’t have the basic stuff to survive,’ it’s basic stuff you’re concerned about. We we’re trying to get villages to have basic civil government, that’s hard to fathom when everything is gone. Back in 2003 and 2001, in Iraq, the Ba’athists had trash trucks—‘who does that now, now that they are gone?’ I understand the cultural aspects. The way I approached it was: not ‘do this,’ but ‘let me understand the dynamics of your community. By the way, here are some ways you could do things.’”

Q: How did it seem you knew exactly what to do in that 2011 battle?

A: “The very first action I was involved in, in Iraq in 2005, I’m ashamed to admit—usually we owned the night, everything at night—and the NCO asked in the heat of the fight: ‘What do we do?’ I hesitated for a second, it was 10 minutes it seemed, but half a second. I said, ‘What do you think we should do?’ And he said, ‘Sir, you’re in charge.’ I was ashamed to admit it that was my job. A couple of years later, talking to a senior officer, he admitted the first time he had contact, he hesitated at first, too. You have to train for it. You are taken aback the first time.”

Q: You hear about people who jump into the line of fire to save others. In combat, nothing goes as planned. Quick thinking, acting are critical. Soldiering, for commanders, means making immediate decisions while bullets fly, grenades explode. Collected soldiers do this. Others fail. And, you think they’ll strike in the morning—it’s a night attack. You think 40; there are 100 insurgents. Chaos reigns. It’s war. You proved to your soldiers that chaos wouldn’t rule—how?

A: “For a lot of soldiers, Afghanistan is their first experience. You show them how to conquer fear, it’s a ‘snap-out-of-it’ type deal. Trust yourself. Trust others. Trust *me*. It’s not so much that they need to see me charging, but they definitely need to see we have clear command and clear control and not to be static. We *have to* move forward. We *have to*



Photo: U.S Army, 2011

One of Capt. Torres’ soldiers, U.S. Army Specialist McKie, on his third duty tour, loads an M4 carbine, immediately prior to the medevac. An M1 sniper rifle lays to his left on the root terrace.

advance. That’s one of the most dangerous thing you can get into. You lock up and stay in your place. And then, become a target: Your fear gets the better of you. So as commander, I say, ‘this is what we’re doing, follow me. You’ll be OK.’ Everyone has a job and *there’s not a moment’s hesitation.*”

And for Maj. Torres, it sounds like a metaphor for Faith in life as well—think-act-don’t be static ... ‘Follow me.’

May God bless Maj. Torres and all living and dead Armed Forces this Memorial Day. May God give courage to faithful men in battle!

Sources: U.S. Army Silver Star Award Narrative; U.S. Army Regional Command East, Combined Joint Task Force After-Action Report; Feb. 11, 2015 interview. U.S. Army photos provided by Maj. Ivan Torres. © Copyright, KofC, Council 2323 Courier, Derwood, Md. Reprinting requires Editor’s permission: josephschuler@starpower.net.

Flags To Be Retired at Council 2323 Fr. Cuddy Hall

Deputy Grand Knight Mike Bean plans a retirement ceremony for 20 flags at Fr. Cuddy Hall, with current and retired military personnel of the Knights invited to attend. **Contact the DGK at 301-469-6193 for details. Participation welcomed!**

Traveling Icons Headed This Way

Celebrate Marian May In Maryland Visiting 2 Blessed Mother Icons

Partial Marian Prayer Schedule

5/17-6/6: D30, Olney/Gaithersburg

5/17-6/6: D16, Abington/Parkton

6/7-27: D1, Germantown/Damascus

6/7-27: D2, North Baltimore

Look online for a complete District schedule and locations. What a great opportunity to visit other Councils and honor Our Lady!

The Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Program honors the Blessed Virgin Mary's central place in the life of our Order. It's a historic devotion afforded to the Immaculate Conception in North America; the first cathedral in the new world north of Mexico was named for the Immaculate Conception, and the bishops of the U.S. named Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception as our nation's



patroness. The image used for the prayer program is a reproduction of a painting of the Blessed Mother as the Immaculate Conception. It hangs above the main altar of the Basilica-Cathedral of Notre Dame de Québec. It was painted in 1925 by Sister Mary of the Eucharist, a Sister of Charity.

The inauguration ceremony of the Immaculate Conception Marian Payer Program was conducted Aug. 7, 2013 during the 131st Supreme Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Québec Archbishop Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, I.S.P.X., Primate of Canada said: “May Our Lady accompany our Church and all the members of the Order all over the world ... following Our Lady’s example, we want to leave with haste as she did, to share the Good News of the Gospel to a world that needs the hope and the truth and the love of Jesus Christ.” The images were blessed by Pope Francis; this is the 16th prayer program of the KofC to use a sacred image as its centerpiece. Program locations are listed on the previous page; visit UKnight 2323 to see a complete schedule. Order-wide, these prayer programs have brought together more than 16 million people.

District Deputy’s Report

Happy Mother’s Day ▪ Help ALL Husbands Become True Knights



District Deputy Goldhammer

Happy Mother’s Day to all of our Lovely Ladies. Thanks for your support and encouragement. **Gentlemen**, now that Spring is here, you have more opportunities to converse with friends and neighbors outside church after Holy Mass. Remember, KofC recruiting is a 24/7 endeavor. Wear your KofC branded items proudly. People will ask you about them. You

can share your planned 60-second “elevator speech” about what we offer and why **you** joined. They may surprise you by asking to sign up. Have your Form 100 handy! In the glove compartment of your car ... just in case. ~ **District 30 Deputy Steve Goldhammer, PGK**

Tragedy Averted

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Thanks Knights For Saving Child’s Life



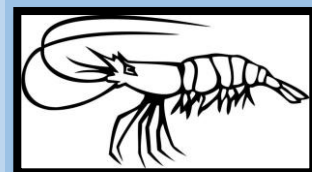
Dear Knights of Columbus:

In this month when we honor the *sanctity of life*, we thank you for your donation on behalf of the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Here is one way your contribution helps: Two months ago, Sarah was born. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and according to her mother, she was perfect. She is alive today because her mother decided to choose life after seeing her unborn image on the ultrasound machine. Your Council’s very generous donation of \$403, raised at your annual Christmas party, helps us to give unborn children, like Sarah, *a chance at life!* **Thank you.** ~ **Jacqueline Stippich, LCSW-C, Executive Director, Shady Grove Pregnancy Center**

Heads Up (or Off) ... Shrimp Feast Returns!

Seasoned Shrimp & Beer Combo at Council 2323’s Shrimpfest Brings ‘Em In

Come hungry to the June 20 Shrimp Feast, 6-9 p.m.! Mike Thomas and gang plan an all-you-can eat shrimp-fest of the little critters, and French fries, rolls, coleslaw and open bar. **The Feast will be at Fr. Cuddy Hall.** For tickets or info, call Mike at 301-330-5907, or email cinnabarmike@verizon.net.



Montgomery Council 2323 Calendar

May

- May 10, Mother's Day
 - May 14, Ascension Thursday (Holy Day)
 - May 19, 8 p.m., Social Meeting
 - May 25, Memorial Day
 - May 26, 7:30 p.m., Executive Committee
- *Visit our *new* password-protected UKnight website to update, add your photo. See:
<http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=2323>

June

- June 2, 8 p.m., Business Meeting,
Council Leadership Election
 - June 16, 8 p.m., Social Meeting
 - June 18, 7:30 p.m., Building Corp. Meeting
 - June 20, 6-9 p.m., Shrimp Feast
 - June 23, 7:30 p.m., Executive Committee
 - June 30, Fraternal Year Ends
- **2015-16 Council Dues due July 1, 2015****

Upcoming

1st Degree Opportunities: May 21, 8 p.m., District 1, Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. John Neumann councils ▪ May 27, 8 p.m., District 30, St. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793 @ St. Patrick Church, Rockville
2nd Degrees: none close, **check UKnight** ▪ **3rd Degree:** May 22, Westminster council; June 5, Catonsville council ▪ @ **Special Olympic Maryland Summer Games**, Towson University, June 5-7, help needed: sign up via https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015SG_KoCVol

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