

Happy New Year!



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Message From The Grand Knight

Mike Joseph Asks: Are You Reaching Out To The Volunteer-Minded? Active Men Make Excellent Candidates; You Need A Plan, A Pitch, A Hook

As I prepared for work one morning, it struck me that the best recruitment opportunity for the Knights is one I've thought of before, but failed to follow up on. We have three parishes under our wings and yet not every male communicant is a Knights of Columbus member. Why not? More striking: we don't have as Knights all who volunteer at St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Here are men dedicated to assisting the Church as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, choir members, special projects leaders, or parish council members, among the many roles they serve. Men who volunteer are unafraid of stepping in. Men with charitable hearts know how to fit commitment into their lives, while serving their family and working long hours to provide for them.

Knights ought to be like these men (many already are, I know), helping their parishes in visible ways. But if, like these men, you're a volunteer, you should be approachable. You should have something to say about the Knights, and be able to share why these untapped brothers should join, to feed their heart, their friendships, their families, *and* their Church.

We need something in the church bulletins, always, about the Knights, and we need volunteers speaking in front of the church (after obtaining permission from their pastors, also Knights) for volunteers. But let's show by example that Knights are leaders in charitable and Church activities. As **Past Grand Knight David Ball** once asked: Can we wear our KoC nametags to church? Or to a church function, to invite conversation from those who aren't Knights, but who have a Knightly leaning?

You should always have your "elevator speech" ready, a 30-second mouthful, a pitch, that allows you, after striking up a friendship, to ask and counter any question and to detail benefits of being a Knight, as if you were on an elevator and were going to part ways at the 8th floor. You may ask: "Did you ever think of becoming a Knight?" If his reply is, "I'm already doing stuff for the Church, I have no time for you guys," say, "Fine, OK. Just keep doing stuff, but represent as a Knight, and add a few meetings a year at Father Cuddy Hall and some hours selling Tootsie Rolls. We have so many other benefits! Come to Family Dinners—no one will need to cook at home that night, and you might find yourself spending more time with your Knightly brothers than you thought. You'll be among friends, great men, even men you want to understudy. Do you know we have two professional chefs? I'll bet your wife would *love it* if you stepped up in the kitchen!"

That's an elevator speech!

In the article on the next page, the *Courier* strings together another elevator speech from some member benefits our Supreme Council pointed out to us, via a handout **Membership Director Gary Palmer** (301-948-6494, gtdbpalmer@verizon.net) can provide. The Lenten Fish Fries, another

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benefit of Montgomery Council 2323, which brings us together on two Lenten Fridays, are coming up. Contact **Warden Victor Sogah** for info (301-327-8927, vsogah35@yahoo.com). Invite a friend and his family to join you over a meal of professionally prepared fish.

Read in this issue about Past Grand Knights Tom Reilly, a retired police officer, and **William Lander**, a retired FBI agent, also a founder of Father Cuddy Hall. In fact, brother Lander is the oldest living PGK—*Happy Birthday*—he turns 90 on Jan. 23! (Brother Reilly turns 85 April 19.) See what *they* have to say about the Order and why being a Knight is even more important than in their day: Membership allows young family men to feel fulfilled in their Faith while fighting the greater temptations of the time. Another talking point! The Knights offer something men have long sought, a way to live out their Faith, while protecting their virtue and that of their family, staying true to their wives and children. Knighthood indeed.

My friends, my brothers, let's not place our light, our nametag, under a bushel, but make it shine front-and-center in our conversations. Don't be afraid to ask a friend in Faith, a fellow parishioner: *Have you considered becoming a Knight of Columbus?*



Grand Knight Tip: Please recognize the opportunity this newsletter brings, the power it gives us to alert Knights to upcoming events so that they have ***informed talking points***. Through publicity, we can achieve larger turnouts and a more informed membership. Not to mention more charitable funds. Knight leaders, please contact **Joe Schuler** (josephschuler@starpower.net) two months in advance to share details of what's ahead so our Editor can publish good news and increase participation! *Vivat Jesus!* – M.J.

What's YOUR "Elevator Speech" To Win Someone Over As A Knight?

"Listen in" on this conversation ...

Bill: "Hey Mike, how's it going?"

Mike: "Great. How's your wife and kids?"

Bill: "Keeping busy, that's for sure."

Mike: "Hey, Bill, I know I've mentioned it, but please consider coming over to Father Cuddy Hall for a Family Night in Lent. We fry fish two Friday nights, and you could feed your family of seven for about \$25. We sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner night, too—just \$35 for a family—and I know kids love pasta. From the proceeds, folks in Haiti get medical treatment and supplies. I've been thinking about your kids—do you know Knights at the local, state and national levels offer high school and college scholarships?"

Bill: "I didn't know that!"

Mike: "And Bill, we have family and youth sports activities, like a free-throw contest coming up, with prizes. Your kids play basketball. Wouldn't it be cool to see them compete at the state championship?"

Bill: "That sounds great."

Mike: "Why not come to dinner? I can share more about the benefits—there are many—I'm certain they'd help you as a dad preparing for the future. We don't ask for lots of time, just some, and you and your family will appreciate any event because we always try to make them fun."

Bill: "Thanks Mike, great—I'll check with my wife and we'll plan on seeing you at the Spaghetti Dinner!"

To craft your own elevator speech, don't exceed 200 words or 60 seconds. Less can be more. A 30-second speech often is more effective than a longer one.

- **Hook them with something** that interests them.
- **Be simple and clear** in language. Use humor. Use powerful, visual, descriptive words and phrases. *Make the pitch memorable.*
- **Call them to action**, and share how Knights membership will specifically impact their lives, and their loved one's lives.
- **Practice what you intend to say** to deliver it smoothly.

The *Courier* invites you to submit your own elevator speech on how to win a fellow parishioner to the Knights. Describe the parishioner's age and family status. Then share your approach, similar to the format here. Submit your speech to: josephschuler@starpower.net.

Calendar

January

Thursday, Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation ▪ **Tuesday, Jan. 6**, Business Meeting, 8-9 p.m. ▪ **Jan. 15**, End 2nd Quarter of Fraternal Year ▪ **Tuesday, Jan. 20**, Social Meeting, 8-9 p.m. ▪ **Thursday, Jan. 22**, March for Life, Washington, D.C. ▪ **Monday, Jan. 26**, Building Corp. Meeting, 7:30 p.m. ▪ **Tuesday, Jan. 27**, Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m.

February

Tuesday, Feb. 3, Business Meeting, 8-9 p.m. ▪ **Sunday, Feb. 8**, Spaghetti Dinner—Haiti Mission, 3-7 p.m. ▪ **Monday, Feb. 16**, President's Day ▪ **Tuesday, Feb. 17**, Social Meeting, 8-9 p.m. ▪ **Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday**, Fast & Abstinence ▪ **Friday, Feb. 20**, Lenten Fish Fry Dinner, 6-8 p.m. ▪ **Monday, Feb. 23**, Building Corp. Meeting, 7:30 p.m. ▪ **Tuesday, Feb. 24**, Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m.

***Unless indicated, all meetings/events are at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood, Md.**

One More Benefit of Council 2323 Membership: Father Cuddy Hall Rental

Thinking of getting married, celebrating an anniversary, throwing a birthday party or Confirmation, Holy Communion or graduation celebration? Knights in good standing can rent Father Cuddy Hall and invite 199 guests to join them. Hall rental is \$300; \$600 for non-members, if liability issues can be met. Beer and wine are extra. The member fee includes soda. Just leave the Hall as you found it, including cleaning the floors and putting tables and chairs away. A Knights member, **Chuck Durbin**, offers catering. Food can be brought in or other caterers can be used. **For more information**, contact **Deputy Grand Knight Mike Bean**, 301-460-6193, mbeanx31@gmail.com.

Chaplain's Chat

Every Life A Gift: KofC Encourages Rosary Novena, Annual March For Unborn

By Fr. John J. Dillon



I hope every Council member and his family prays a Rosary novena from Jan. 14-22 in anticipation of the 42nd anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion. I encourage Council members to take action and support a culture that values human life at every stage.

Quoting liberally from the **Knights of Columbus** article “A People of Life and For Life,” I remind my fellow Knights that the Order remains firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death. As featured in the last *Courier*, one of the Knights’ most successful efforts, with state and local Councils partnering with Supreme, is sharing the cost of ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers. This way, mothers and fathers can see their own child in the womb.

The Knights of Columbus advocate that you:

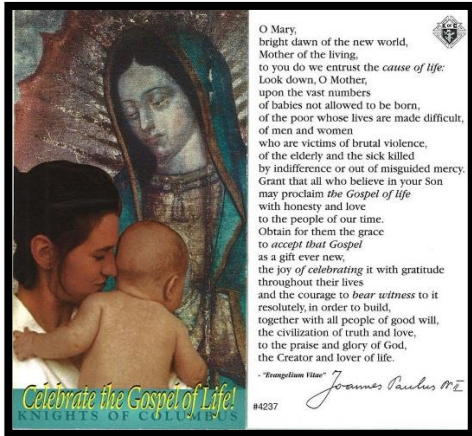
- **Volunteer.** Your time can save lives. Contact your local pro-life pregnancy center to see how you can help women choose life, and turn from abortion. Support programs help women physically and emotionally wounded by abortion.
- **Educate.** Share knowledge with others who may not fully understand the value of all human life, or find out more yourself to be a more effective witness for life.
- **Advocate.** Work to change laws, and touch hearts. Support your Council’s pro-life committee, start or join your parish pro-life group. Consult your archdiocesan pro-life office to discover issues; write/meet elected officials to discuss legislation.
- **Donate.** Your donation or that of your Council could make a difference in the shoestring budgets of pro-life groups. Arrange regular donations to pregnancy centers to help with counseling services, medical referrals and items for newborns.
- **Pray.** Prayer is the power that should support all pro-life activities. Pray on your own for life, and with your family. Besides the mothers, pray for the fathers of these children, who strongly influence decisions to end lives through abortion. The Council should include prayers for life at regular meetings and take part in the annual Day of the Unborn Child on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Supreme Council Offers Knights Tools To Aid Pro-Life Evangelization

The annual **March for Life in Washington, D.C.**—with the theme of “Every Life is a Gift”—will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22. A rally starts at noon. It commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion Jan. 22, 1973. All Knights and their families, particularly those in the greater Washington, D.C. area, are urged to join. Knights should carry Council banners and KofC posters, wear jackets with the KofC emblem, and walk together to show the Order’s support for the right to life.

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Knights are urged to schedule prayer services for unborn children at government monuments or participate in other appropriate activities. Invite parish pro-life groups and similar organizations to attend or co-sponsor planned activities. To assist pro-life activities, the Supreme Council offers the following materials (all free when ordered in reasonable quantities; there is only a shipping charge):



The “Gospel of Life” prayer card; available in English, French & Spanish (#4237E, F, or S).

- “Pregnant? Need help?” Birthright flyer (#1757).
- “Pray the Rosary to End Abortion” poster (#2073) and prayer card (#2072).
- “Gospel of Life” poster (#4238) and prayer card (#4237E, F, or S) in English, French or Spanish.

These items can be ordered by contacting the Supreme Council Supply Department. Finally, the Catholic Information Service has a booklet, “The Sixth and Ninth Commandments: Sexual Morality,” which can be ordered by calling 203-752-4267. For more information on the annual March for Life, contact the March for Life at 202-543-3377 or at www.marchforlife.org. To visit the Supreme Council Web site, go to www.KofC.org.



Deputy Grand Knight Michael E. Bean The Late John Bean Past Grand Knight

Officer Profile: Deputy Grand Knight Michael E. Bean
18 Years Preps Him To Be 2nd Gen Grand Knight

Mike joined the Knights in 1996 after his father passed away at the age of 74. In 1968, John Bean was sworn in as Grand Knight of Montgomery Council 2323. Some 37 years later, in June, his son hopes to join him in sharing that honor.

“If elected, I think I’ll be the second or third Grand Knight to follow his dad,” says the Deputy Grand Knight, who has served the KofC in various roles since getting his First Degree April 2, 1996. “PGK Ron Dunn asked me to join to get involved with the softball team,” he says. Since then, Mike joined the Knights Building Corp.; he’s a director overseeing Hall maintenance.

Mike turned 54 on Dec. 31, so has stopped playing basketball but continues on the diamond. He plays outfield, keeping up with the younger guys, if not in speed, with a veteran’s

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knowledge of the game. Mike's involved with the Shrimp Feast and Spaghetti Dinners and helps in the kitchen at many events. Along with other brother Knights, including Pat Gilroy, he started Family Night about seven years ago to raise money for Catholic charities.

Mike, his two sisters and four brothers (one, Chris, passed away) grew up among Knights. He remembers Knights of his dad's generation getting together frequently for worthy causes, particularly a Charity Ball his dad helped start that raised significant proceeds for the blind. John Bean participated in KofC parties and fundraisers into his retirement years. Years earlier, he played softball with the Knights. Mike fondly remembers watching him on the field.



Dec. 5 KofC Family Night Raises \$1,271

About 115 men, women and children chowed down on chicken and more at the Family Night Dec. 5. With help from The Family Night Team, guests were served chicken breasts, chicken nuggets, French fries, salad, and baby carrots. They also were able to visit the baked potato bar with fixin's. Beer, soda and dessert were included, all for \$10 per person or \$25 per family. The proceeds will go toward municipal Christmas toy drives in Rockville and Gaithersburg. The kids decorated gingerbread cookies on tables set up by **Master Chef Guy Poirier**. The crowd enjoyed the annual crazy Christmas carols competition (above), run by **Pat and Karen Gilroy**. Many thanks to The Family Night Team of **Paul Lidberg, Matt McCormick, Bob Scanlon, Victor Muzzatti, Mike Thomas, Matt Mongelli, Jim and Jimmy Gierula**, the aforementioned **Chef Poirier**, and **Mike Bean**, Deputy Grand Knight.

Back then, the team would play other Councils, then visit the hosting Council's hall for a post-game lunch.

Mike was baptized at St. Mary's Church, went to school there and married his wife, Michelle, there. His daughter Melissa (a University of Maryland junior) and son Michael (an Our Lady of Good Counsel High School senior), went to school there and were baptized there. Mike, a former corporate IT pro, now works in commercial construction sales. Mike says if he does get installed as Grand Knight, he'd continue current programs and focus on getting inactive Knights more involved.

"It is what you make of it," he says. "We have a beautiful Council here with a commercial kitchen and 10 acres of land. We need to get more use of the Hall. I remember when my parents were active, they'd have real 'barn burners,' with bands, DJs—150 people decked out for parties."

"We have plenty of members and activities, over 300 members, we just need to get people involved," he says. "Imagine if only a third showed up to a meeting? Picture a packed house." He likes Mike Joseph's idea to mentor new members; he himself has earned a gold shield for bringing in more than 10 new guys. "We're trying to get in younger families with Family Night. Over those years, we've raised close to \$30,000. It's for Knights and non-Knights."

The Deputy Grand Knight looks forward to taking the gavel, but until then, will happily and generously provide his Grand Knight all the assistance he needs ... just as Mike always has.

IF YOU ARE A KNIGHTS OFFICER AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PROFILED IN THE COURIER, EMAIL josephschuler@starpower.net.

Oldest Living PGK Joins The Celebration
Six Past Grand Knights Feted At Annual Dinner



From left: Current Deputy Grand Knight Mike Bean with Past Grand Knights Shannon Doherty, Tom Reilly, William Lander (the oldest living PGK), Pat Cribbin, Kevin Ginley, Larry Royster, and current Grand Knight Mike Joseph.



The kitchen crew for the Past Grand Knights Dinner, **from left,** Victor Muzzatti, Kevin Bean, Bobby Mongelli, and Matt Mongelli, prepare a tasty meal for PGKs who have led the Council for years.



Tom Reilly points to his '79 Grand Knight portrait in Father Cuddy Hall.

Past Grand Knights were celebrated Nov. 22, including William Lander (PGK, 1964-65), who with Tom Reilly (PGK, 1979-80) make up the most senior contingent of Knights Council 2323 leaders. Both men spoke with the *Courier* about why they joined the Knights of Columbus and why they feel that being a member of the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world is a magnificent asset.

Q&A: William Lander

*If you ever see a man with orange-tinted glasses selling Tootsie Rolls outside Our Lady of Grace chapel in Leisure World, in Silver Spring, Md., say hello, as that's retired FBI Agent **William Lander**, a Past Grand Knight who celebrates his 50th PGK anniversary this year. Bill is legally blind.*

*Besides Bill's contributions to our Council, he has helped our Nation, working in foreign counter-intelligence and espionage, including the high-profile **William Henry Whalen** case. Lt. Col. Whalen was the highest-ranking American ever recruited as a Russian Intelligence Service mole. When arrested, Whalen was intelligence advisor to the U.S. Army Chief of Staff. He admitted passing documents revealing our nation's most carefully guarded secrets, including nuclear weapons deployment and the country's nuclear retaliation plan. He was convicted and because he cooperated, was given a light sentence; six years imprisonment.*

Q: So that really was you outside Our Lady of Grace, helping sell Tootsie Rolls?

A: "Yes, that was me. I've sold Tootsie Rolls since the start of that program."

Q: You celebrate your 50th Anniversary as Grand Knight over this Fraternal Year?

A: "Yes, I do. Funny, too, when I was Grand Knight, my wife and I had our fourth child that same

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year. We were building the Hall, and I was on the building committee, so I was instrumental in getting it built. It was finished in 1965. I remember Bishop John Spence came out and dedicated it.”

Q: What was it like when you were Grand Knight?

A: “When I was Grand Knight, we had 15 couples who attended everything. We instituted a group of dinners, we called them ‘Around-the-World Dinners,’ and they had different dishes—Italian, Polish, German. I was a ‘choppa-roppa.’ I chopped carrots and vegetables.”

Q: Why did you join the Knights?

A: “I joined at the same time as another agent in the Washington field office of the FBI. He said, ‘Bill, something is missing, we don’t have a club we can join and become active in as Catholic men.’ The acting Grand Knight lived a block away, so we asked him.”

Q: Why should men these days join the Knights of Columbus?

A: “Because it’s exactly what young people nowadays need. If they’d join and be active in the Knights, they would find fulfillment of their Faith. Which is really what we need. Particularly now. Back in the 1950s, everything was conservative. Now, it’s so liberal, and there are so many temptations, which we didn’t have.”

Q: What’s the key to success at the Knights?

A: “You have to devote time to the Knights. You have to involve your family—they are part of it, much more today than in my day. The wives have, in some places, their own auxiliary. And you need to involve the youngsters—it’s all good for them, and to get them athletically involved, too.”

Q&A: Tom Reilly

Tom became a Knight in 1968 and the Council’s Grand Knight in 1979. He’ll turn 85 this year on April 19. He was a Washington, D.C. policeman for 24 years and retired on disability; his says his knees gave out. He ran to Tootsie Roll program for about five years and often visited western Maryland to get other Councils to start their own programs.

Q: What do you feel was your most significant achievement as Grand Knight?

A: “Working on the Tootsie Roll program, getting it established, boosting it from a small amount to \$10,000 a year. Also, with a lot of people working on it, we built Father Cuddy Hall.”

Q: What would you have like to have done, that you didn’t get to do?

A: “I always thought we should have sent more to the KofC magazine. We were very active in fundraisers, and we never recorded them. I felt bad that no one dropped a line to *Columbia* about X dollars for this or that, or a program that was an advantage to seniors. We were so busy doing things, we did no publicity.”

Q: Why should young family men today join?

A: “It has to be an incentive within him to keep friendships with fellow Catholics and to get into the insurance program—there’s a lot of coverage you can get. And there are lots of educational programs available—you can get money for college for you or your kids.”



Christmas Parties Galore

Special Olympics Party, Council Christmas Party Feed Merriment & Joy



ABOVE: The Council Christmas Party Dec. 13 drew about 80 revelers, who donated infant items for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, and socks for veterans at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Advocate Joe Kempf's Barrel of Cheer was won by Paul Barrett, with smaller "Christmas Spirit" raffles won by Bill Toner and Mike Ambrosia, raising \$750 for Mount St. Mary's seminarians. Grand Knight Mike Joseph (standing, left) had fun assessing \$1 fines to participants in a trivia contest run by Membership Director Gary Palmer (right). With other donations, efforts raised \$500 for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Financial Secretary and Past Grand Knight Pat Cribbin (seated, left), raises his hand according to the GK's rules to answer a trivia question.

BELOW: On Dec. 12, the Council held its annual Christmas celebration to recognize the accomplishments of the Montgomery County Special Olympians. Some 32 athletes, friends and family members enjoyed snacks, punch, dancing and socializing. At 8 p.m., jolly Santa Claus (Terry Kernan) gave the athletes gift bags, through the generosity of Robert Fourcade and Chuck and Maxine Frasier; both men are Council 2323 members. Chancellor John DeMare' (holding check, left) presented \$730 to Pam Yerg (next to Santa, left), Director of Special Olympics Montgomery. The funds were raised by participating Councils in District 1 and 30. John Durbin, PGK, looks on from under his Santa cap; in photo right, John's daughter Jill gets a special moment with the man in the red suit.



The Chancellor Reports: The final Tootsie Roll number is in: \$5,007, raised by your efforts. Thank you!

Bulk Up Before Lent!

Coming this February: Council 2323's Famous Spaghetti Dinner!

Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Donation Drive: Don't Chuck Those Specs!

Drop off your old eyeglasses and hearing aids at Father Cuddy Hall, in the box on the bar. This is the second year of the program; last year, we collected 36 pair of glasses for the Derwood Lions Club. The hearing aids are refurbished and given to those who can't afford them. The glasses will help a child to read; or an adult in his or her job by providing a means for greater employment opportunities; or a senior citizen to maintain his or her independence by allowing increased vision to do things on their own. If you don't have eyeglasses to donate, you can still help by buying glasses with varying prescriptions at the Dollar Store, or by sending a check made payable to the Knights of Columbus, Council 2323, Att: Eyeglass Campaign, P.O. Box 5626, Derwood, Md. 20855-0626. **If you have any questions, contact Mike Thomas at 301-330-5970, cinnabarmike@verizon.net.**

Mike Thomas is about to do it again: *spoil all our waistlines.* It will be his 16th annual spaghetti dinner. (He has only missed one, the year he had a heart attack. But the ticker is going strong and so is Mike.) He's pulling out the stops for the Feb. 8 event, already having obtained 50 pounds of pasta with a donated gift card.

The annual Spaghetti Dinner will support St. Francis of Assisi's Medical Mission to Haiti. The Mission is in need of funds for prescription drugs, medications, vitamins, medical supplies, equipment, a nurse's salary, and patients' hospital expenses. Medical teams buy the items and ship them to Haiti.

Mike says all your eating has raised \$27,342 over time. He also hopes, as in previous years, to offer a 50-50 and a raffled basket from Trader Joe's. Last year, with 175 attendees, \$2,127 was raised for the Mission. Mike knows we can do better this year.

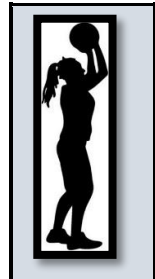
He typically doesn't have to spend anything for the food, either, obtaining donations from Giant, Safeway, Food Lion, Target, Harvest Bread, Harris Teeter and other stores, first starting with a letter explaining the fundraiser and following up. Last year, the folks at Harris Teeter asked, "What do you need?" Mike said: "Meatballs." They asked: "How many?" Mike: "One thousand?" And he got every one. And *you* ate them. Every one.

He says he has his system down, waiting for sales to buy the items, as most places give him a gift card.

On Sunday, Feb, 8, dinner will be served from 3-7 p.m. at Father Cuddy Hall. Dinner includes spaghetti with sauce and meatballs, salad, bread, sodas, beer and wine. The cost is \$10 for adults (ages 14 and up), \$7 for children (ages 7 to 13), and no charge for children 6 and younger. The most a family will pay is \$35. Please contact Mike at 301-330-5970 or cinnabarmike@verizon.net so he knows how many meatballs to put the pot. If you can't make the dinner, but would like donate to the Haiti Mission, please make your check payable to Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 5626, Derwood, Md. 20855-0626.

Maryland Council Update

Council 2323, District 30, State Council Combine For Free-Throw Contest



The Knights of Columbus will hold a basketball free-throw contest for boys and girls, tentatively scheduled at the Council level in January and the District level in February. A "State Shootout" will be held in March.

Each contestant gets 25 free throws at each level. Contestants are separated by age group, including 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 15U, and 18U.

Mother of God School, at 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, Md. 20879, is the venue for the Council event, tentatively set for 1-3 p.m. Jan. 24; the District 30 contest is tentatively set for Feb. 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the same location. The two events may be combined.

There's no entry fee, and Knights volunteering at the event are encouraged to chat with the dads of the participants, sharing the benefits of joining the KofC.

Check back at the Montgomery Council 2323 Web site (www.KofC2323.org) for final information updates and at the Maryland Council Web site (www.KofC-md.org) for State Shootout updates. *Time to practice those foul shots!*

News From The District Deputy

Michael Janus Steps Out, 31-Year Knight Steve Goldhammer, PGK, Steps In



District Deputy
Goldhammer

Steve Goldhammer, a long-time Knight and Past Grand Knight, now of Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793 in Olney, Md., has stepped in as District 30 deputy for **Michael Janus**, who resigned for personal reasons.

“I’m honored and humbled to have been deemed worthy to replace Mike and serve as your District Deputy,” Steve says. “I know that God only gives you what you can handle, and in the words of **‘Chappie’ James**, the famous U.S. Air Force General, ‘When opportunity knocks, have your bags packed!’ That’s why I’m stepping into this commitment.” (Fighter pilot **Daniel “Chappie” James Jr.** in 1975 became the first African-American four-star general.)

Steve says he and his wife Marilyn are looking forward to being Montgomery Council 2323’s link to the Maryland Council for the next year and a half, and, helping 2323 and the other councils in the district (St. Rose of Lima, El Consejo de San Juan Diego, Fr. Peter Paul Maher) accomplish bigger and better things.

Steve was a member of Council 6793 from 1984-86, but was transferred by the U.S. Coast Guard to Houston, Texas. He became a member of St. Paul the Apostle Council 6234 in Houston from 1986-89. After returning to this area in 1989, he rejoined Council 6793. He was Council Treasurer from 1991-2006 and Grand Knight from 2011-12. He retired from the Coast Guard in 1996 after 31 years. He then worked 12 years, full time and part-time, for a government contractor, on a NASA/NOAA/Air Force Weather Satellite project in Silver Spring, Md. He and Marilyn have four children, and one grandson. They are members of St. Patrick’s parish in Norbeck and volunteer at many parish activities.

Membership News

New Knight David Appiah “Hits a Double” With Same-Night 1st/2nd Degree



David Appiah
2nd Degree Knight

Welcome, new Council member **David Appiah!** His proposer was **Paul Omopariola**. Brother David completed both the 1st and 2nd Degree in the same night, Nov. 20, at St. Paul Council 11105 in Damascus, Md. David and Paul are both from the St. Martin of Tours parish; Brother Paul is a diplomat from the Embassy of Guinea. The Council also voted **Komi Louise Detse** (proposer: **Alvan Smith**) as a member; he was planning to attend 1st and 2nd Degree ceremonies soon.

Dues were due July 1 for Fraternal Year 2014-15. If you owe dues, please send \$45 to **FS Pat Cribbin**, 1802 Henry St., Rockville, Md. 20851-2125. Coming Exemplifications: Membership Dir. **Gary Palmer** (301-948-6494, gtdbpalmer@verion.net) will email members who qualify for the 2nd Degree on Jan. 27, and 3rd Degree on Feb. 27. Or, visit www.KofC-md.org for dates. To request the 4th Degree, contact **Sir Knight John Durbin**, 301-762-4448, jndurbin@msn.com.

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