

Knights of Columbus Montgomery Council 2323 Derwood, Maryland



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019 DECEMBER

12/03/2019 – 8:00 PM Business Meeting
Father Cuddy Hall

12/14/2019 – 12:00 PM Council Christmas Party
Father Cuddy Hall

12/17/2019 – 8:00 PM Social Meeting
Memorial Mass -Father John Dillion
Father Cuddy Hall

MEETINGS

Business Meeting - 8:00 PM First Tuesday of Each Month

Social Meeting - 8:00 PM Third Tuesday of Each Month

Location:
Father Cuddy Hall
17001 Overhill Road
Derwood, Maryland 20855

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Joseph F. Krempasky

Now that December is upon us, the rush to complete things before the New Year seems to be more urgent than ever - Christmas Parties, Shopping for that special gift, Planning holiday travel. Please remember that all are not as fortunate. Maybe through our "Box of Joy" program we can bring a smile to some needy someone. We help the mariners through our Apostleship of the Sea program. These needy individuals receive shaving utensils, socks, playing cards etc. It's easy to forget those in most need.

This month Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights should be expecting an invitation to the Maryland State Council's Mid-term Meeting. It's the halfway point of our fraternal year, and a lot of important information will be disseminated (convention, submittals, voting regulations, etc.) Please make sure that we are represented.

Quarterly Reports should be ready to submit to your District Deputy (electronic Word or PDF only). Once the format and completion has been confirmed, the DD will submit the reports to the state representative (must be Youth Protection compliant).

Many councils fall into neglect when it comes to council liability insurance. Although all events are carefully planned, accidents do happen, and should be adequately covered by insurance. If there is a concern in this area, I can supply the names of those familiar with the Knights of Columbus organization. These agents can recommend what should be adequate.

Many thanks to the council officers that have taken the very important Youth Protection Training. During this time of stress, the Knights of Columbus has taken a firm position on providing protection for the youth of our communities, and it shows that our local leaders understand this.

From the families of District Warden, Kevin Kennedy and District Deputy, Joe Krempasky, please have a joyous, safe Christmas, and a wonderful New Year.

Vivat Jesus



PUMPKIN CARVING

On Sunday afternoon October 27, Montgomery Council #2323 hosted its 9th annual pumpkin carving extravaganza. A veritable pumpkin patch lined the entryway of Father Cuddy Hall, ready for picking, carving and painting by kids of all ages. Some 30 gourds were sacrificed to the Great Pumkin. The council provided pumpkins, carving tools, templates, paints and artistic inspiration. Special thanks goes to Lisa Wei for planning co-ordinating and supervising the wonderful event.



Chili Cookoff

**The night was black
the sky was blue, the chili
bubbled like witch's brew
The knights were there,
their families too, the
winning pot wore a ribbon
blue!**

On Sunday evening, October 20th, 2019 Montgomery Council held it's 3rd annual chili cook-off at Father Cuddy Hall. Approximately 50 guests attended while twelve brother knights entered their delicious recipes. Special thanks to Hard Times Cafe' in Rockville who donated a pot to the cause. A cash prize of \$50 went to first place winner Guy Federico, \$25 to second place winner Erin Staab and \$10 to third place winner Steve Willer. All 3 winners graciously donated their winnings back to the the event allowing the Council to donate \$355.00 to the Maryland State Council Ultrasound Procurement Fund. Special thanks also to Trader Joe's for donating a delicious bag of goodies which was raffled off. While enjoying their chili, the guests also enjoyed the hometown favorite Baltimore Ravens defeat the Seattle Seahawks on the council's big scree TV.





Montgomery Council Annual Seniors Dinner Dance



The Montgomery Council hosted its 50th consecutive Seniors Dinner Dance on September 21, 2019. Master of Ceremonies PGK George Silvas organized a gala evening of delicious dining, entertainment and dancing for 190 guests, Once again DJ Revonne kept toes tapping and dancer whirling throughout the evening,



These Men Called Knights

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic mens organization in the world with 1.9 million members united in charity.

During 2018 the Knights donated 185.7 million dollars to charity worldwide.

Where does the money go?

- Christian Refugee Relief
- Disaster Relief
- Coats for Kids
- Vocations
- Special Olympics
- The Ultrasound Program
- Food For Families
- Military and Veteran Support
- Culture of Life
- Catholic Education
- Parish Support
- and the list goes on

Learn more at www.kofc.org

The Knights of Columbus Montgomery Chapter #2323 was chartered in 1921 and serves the Parishes of St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg, St. Mary's in Rockville and St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood, Our activities are held at Father Cuddy Hall located at 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD 20855.

The opportunities are many the need is great and the reward is priceless, consider becoming a member of our Council.

You can find us at www.kofc2323.org or look us up on facebook.

The motto of Maryland State Deputy Dale Trott

“Serving Christ by serving others”



PAST GRAND KNIGHTS DINNER

On November 2, 2019 Council 2323 held its Past Grand Knights Dinner at Father Cuddy Hall. This annual event is held in appreciation of the dedication, effort and leadership of the men who have so successfully led Council 2323 during the past 98 years. Congratulations and thank you to all our Past Grand Knights.



Past Grand Knights in Attendance

Back Row John Durbin, John DeMare', Shannon Doherty, John Leighton, Mike Bean & Gary Bosco Front Row Kevin Ginley, George Silvas, Patrick Cribbin, Larry Royster, & Michael Joseph



Congratulations to the 2019 Car Raffle Program Winners

First Prize Winner - 2020 Ford Mustang

Frank J. Cisneros of Annapolis, MD

Second Prize Winner - Apple iPad

Tom Jacoboni, Sr. of Laurel, MD

Third Prize Winner - \$200 Gift Card

Katy Stanfill of Seattle, WA

Council 2323 raised \$1,900.00, all of which will go to support seminarians.

**Tootsie
Roll
Drive**



Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser in Support of People with Developmental Disabilities

Council 2323 had a successful Tootsie Roll fundraiser under the leadership of Chancellor Dan Huff. We raised a grand total of \$3,078.00 which will be donated to Special Olympics MD and the Up-County Community Center.