

Montgomery Council has been involved in many pro-life activities over the last fraternal year, from legislative action, collecting funds for the Gabriel Project, the Tootsie Roll campaign every fall, support of Special Olympics, collections for Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, and the annual March for Life in January. However, of particular note, Montgomery Council recently responded to the request from Jim McFillin, Chair of the State Council Pro-life Campaign, with a vote for funds for ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers throughout Maryland. The Council first voted by unanimous consent to donate \$500 to assist in this effort. In addition, the Council sponsored a family night to support this activity (description below). In all, the Council donated over \$1000 in support of the SMC #1470 Charities Ultrasound program. It should be noted that the Council had asked that the funds be used to support an ultrasound machine at a local pregnancy center, at Shady Grove, but recognized that many factors needed to be weighed in making this determination. A copy of the letter sent to Brother McFillin is attached to this report. Montgomery Council is proud that its contribution was in time to support the State donation to CareNet Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland, given by then State Deputy Richard V Siejack on June 29, 2010.

The Family Night is a monthly Friday night gathering of Knights and their families to socialize and in the process raise funds for various charities. The June 11, 2010 Family Night was dedicated to support the State Council Ultrasound Program. Typical fare at family night is pizza, French fries, deserts, drinks and activities. About 20 families attended the June Family night, with about 35 adults and 80 total attending. Often, and June was no exception, attendance comes in waves as various youth sport teams finish their games.

Approximately 25 hours went into the June family night, from planning, cooking, set-up and clean-up. Special thanks to Mike Bean and Pat Gilroy for organizing the event and doing the cooking.



Enough games – time to chat



Spent enough time indoors today – time to play. Brother Drew tossing the bean bag!!



Family nights can be very relaxing.

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