

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Family Dinner with a Luau theme, took place on Sunday afternoon, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the hardly-recognizable Fr Cuddy Hall. The purpose of the event was the presentation of a financial award to each the educators responsible for the K-8 programs for the youth of the parishes that Montgomery Council #2323 supports; St Martin's, St Mary's and St Francis. The afternoon commenced with appetizers and beverages at 3:30 PM followed by an awards dinner of wonderful pork loin with sides, served by the chair of the event, Brother Bob Mongelli, and his staff of assistant cooks. The Hall was festively decorated with palm trees and flamingos, but the purpose of the event was evident by the distinguished attendees, the Principal of St Martin's Sr Sharon, Principal Sr Carol of St Mary's, and Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education K-12 of St Francis. Checks for \$2000 were presented to each program to use as needed in support of their educational mission.

The Gala itself was a wonderful family and fellowship event, and highlighted the importance of the Knights in support of the mission of the Church, especially education of the Youth. Letters of appreciation for the donation are attached to this report. As can be seen from the appreciation letters, the support of the Knights for the education mission for youth in the parishes is greatly appreciated. For example, the funds donated to St Mary's were used for infrastructure (e.g., St Mary's purchased floor mats with the school seal) to program materials (English Language materials for their Resource Room at St Martin's).

The effort that went into the gala was substantial, from preparing a program book, cooking, decorating and set and clean up, etc. Overall, it is estimated that 15 Brothers and wives contributed about 50 hours to this event.



Knights working..



and watching..



as the ladies decorate....



and the cooks cook....



Welcoming Fr Beaubien is Deputy Grand Knight  
John Leighton and the District Warden Jack Giacalone

The reason for the evening



Awarding funds to of Ms Susan Anderson of St Francis, Sr Carol of St Mary's and Sr Sharon of St Martin's.



For the future.....