

MONTGOMERY COUNCIL HOSTS YOUTH PUMPKIN CARVING

On Sunday afternoon October 24, Montgomery Council #2323 hosted a pumpkin carving for youth of all ages. A veritable pumpkin patch lined the entryway of Fr Cuddy Hall, ready for picking and carving, for youth aged 2 months to 20 years (ok, some had parents to help!). Pumpkin painting and carving went on as long as the 30 pumpkins remained – from about 1:30 till 5:00 PM. In addition to the pumpkins, the council provided carving tools and templates, but painting was surprisingly also very popular. Also surprising, this event was so very easy to plan and execute; two trips to grocery stores for pumpkins, and a local party store for tools and table coverings. The only thing else needed was willing hands to carve the pumpkins! Some members had planned to stay only until the pumpkin was carved, but stayed all afternoon to socialize while kids were enjoying themselves outside in the sunny day. It was a great way for parents and kids to spend an enjoyable day, the weather cooperating by providing a beautiful fall day.

Approximately \$100 in pumpkins and \$50 in carving tools, templates, and paint was provided by the Council. For this event, about 20 volunteer hours went into this activity, and 60 brothers, spouses and siblings (some earning volunteer hours for school) came to help. An evite was sent to all council members to get an estimate of the number of pumpkins needed; based on the response, a second trip to the grocery was needed to double the number of pumpkins available. Of special importance, this event was featured in the December State Council Newsletter, the Beacon, as the Youth Activity.



Pumpkins filling up the back of the car.



Pumpkins lining the entryway – so many to choose!
Grab one on the way in.



Carving was fun for all ages!



Thinking about the face to carve and paint!



After carving, outside to play!



Some of the pumpkins carved. Note the great paint jobs! The hoot owl on the bottom left pumpkin attests to the skill of some of the carvers!



This is one of the best – breast cancer awareness month is October.