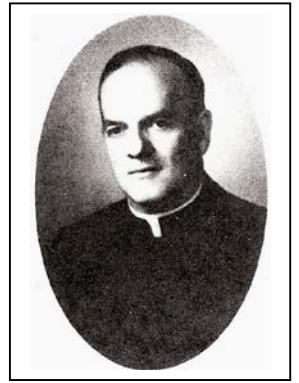


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Monsignor Donald Essex, Pastor, Our Lady of Grace Church
[Website: <http://ourladyofgracelw.weebly.com>]

Dear Knights and Ladies:

This year, the "holiest week of the year" begins with Palm Sunday on April 9. I encourage you to plan to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Holy Saturday Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection with our catholic community. I also hope that you will take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. Remember, "the Light is on for you." May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a blessed and happy Easter. I also look forward to seeing you at our Charter Dinner! Be sure of my prayers.

Sincerely in the Lord, Monsignor Essex

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)
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On March 4, I attended our District-wide Pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. About 35 members of our Council, three members of St. Rose of Lima Council #14297, D11 District Deputy Charles Hayes, and many of our spouses met on a cold Saturday morning at Our Lady of Grace Church and carpooled to the Shrine. Besides viewing the magnificent permanent exhibit about the life of Pope John Paul, II, we had a tour of the stunningly beautiful Redemptor Hominis Church and the Luminous Mysteries Chapel, listened to an explanation of the gorgeous mosaics lining their walls, and attended mass. Relics of St. John Paul II and all of the North American Saints are embedded in the church altar.

We were also privileged to view the inspirational exhibit on the Christian witness of St. Thomas More 'God's Servant First--the Life & Legacy of Thomas More,' that was on display until

Motto: "Mary, fill our hearts with charity and love."

March 31. St. Thomas More was appointed Lord Chancellor of England by King Henry VIII. Among the 50 artifacts we saw, many of which had never before been out of England, were Thomas' beaver skin hat, a folio of William Shakespeare's plays, Martin Luther's original prayer book, and two of Thomas's relics (a piece of his jaw and a tooth). Thomas was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1935. In 2000, St. John Paul II declared Thomas as the 'patron saint of statesmen and politicians.' St. John Paul II wrote of St. Thomas More, 'To respond to their vocation, the lay faithful must see their daily activities as an occasion to join themselves to God, fulfill his will, serve other people and lead them to communion with God in Christ.'

Please see a related article, 'A Faith Worth Living and Dying For,' on page 8 of the November 2016 issue of Columbia Magazine.

We also enjoyed a delicious catered box lunch. Many thanks to Brother Kevin Kennedy, PGK, for coordinating this event. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen and fortify our Catholic faith.

DW Joe, his wife Sue, and my wife Marilyn and I wish you and yours all the blessings of the Easter Season.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight
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Brother Knights and Ladies:

Just when I thought we were ready to set up the deck furniture, plant flowers, and start firing up the barbeque, I looked out to a snow and ice storm and was back in my driveway with the snow shovel that I hadn't seen yet this year! At least it gave me a chance to speak with neighbors and to get some much needed exercise. I'm still betting Spring is just around the corner with plenty of great opportunities to come together as a Council and to continue serving our Church and Community.

Our Council Pilgrimage to the John Paul II National Shrine was a very special event that I found inspirational. I had an opportunity to tour the permanent exhibit when few others were in that part of the museum and it was a solemn experience for me.

This is an exceptional experience I recommend to those who haven't had the opportunity to view the Shrine. Thanks to Kevin Kennedy for his efforts.

Our Mulch Sale was an over the top success again this year. Our response was so overwhelming that we had to stop taking orders! My thanks to the crew that showed up on that very cold morning with enthusiasm and heavy coats. Thanks also to Joe Krempasky for organizing this again this year. This continues to be a great Council fundraiser and a service to our community.

We thank Deacon Tom Cioffi for again leading us in our annual Lenten program "What Jesus saw from the Cross", and Primo Monis for again providing the music for this event. This annual presentation of that Lenten program was especially profound presented in Our Lady of Grace Church. Our thanks to Monsignor Essex for all that you do for our Council.

Joe Krempasky and I are planning our Council's 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for April 8 at Saint Patrick's between the Parish Center and School. Participants will again be divided into three age groups and the event will start at 11 am. There will be goody bags for all and great prizes. Join us with your children or grandchildren, and have a great time!

Our Charter Dinner this year promises to be an event not to be missed or forgotten. The event is being catered by "Renaissance Chef" (our friend Chuck Durbin) at the Oak Room in Sandy Springs on the afternoon of April 23. The menu is filled with our favorite dishes. See the flyer in this newsletter and contact Jack for reservations.

A special event this year that you don't want to miss is the District 30 - Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament. Three Councils, St. Rose of Lima, Montgomery and ours, are coming together to sponsor a golf day at Laytonsville Golf Course on Friday, April 28. The event includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart and luncheon. There will be cash prizes and the proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Fund. Contact Ron Herberg for additional details and to register (RonHerberg@verizon.net).

Many opportunities to serve our Church and Community are on our agenda in upcoming months. Remember the importance of recruitment and retaining and engaging our Brothers and their families, making them welcome and a vibrant part of our Council.

Please visit our web site at www.kofc6793.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/. Take a moment to be informed, keep an eye on the newsletter, and attend a Business Meeting to find things that suit your particular interests and join us. Make the time to become a more active Brother Knight and support Council activities. You can reach me at 301-871-8928 or Taylorwf8@verizon.net.

God bless you and your families.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

"WE STICK TOGETHER!"

SK Joseph M. Stewart, Faithful Navigator [www.sullivan2861.org]



Assembly Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

An advertisement for Knights of Columbus Insurance. It features a portrait of Patrick B. McAleer, FICF, PGK, on the left. To the right, the text reads: "Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE". Below that, it says "Patrick B. McAleer, FICF, PGK". Contact information includes: "Bus: 301-253-3856", "Cell: 301-802-5850", and "patrick.mcaleer@kofc.org". At the bottom, it lists "Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance" and "Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance". A small tagline at the bottom right says "Protecting Catholic families since 1882."

A FOUNDING NOTION: PROTECTING THE BREADWINNER'S INCOME

While jobs may be safer in 2017, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



St. Peter's wonderful Easter Vigil tradition needs your help. This tradition (following the Easter Vigil mass), is a special occasion where everyone is invited to a reception at the Parish Center. Volunteers are needed to clean up after the reception.

Contact Angela Busby at Tel: (301) 570-8125, or email: angelabusby@stpetersolney.org.

“Living Stations” Participants are needed. At 12 noon on Good Friday (April 14), experience a very special event of Saint Peter’s Teens as they portray Jesus’ Suffering and Death on The Cross. Needed are actors, readers, musicians and singers.

ST. PATRICK’S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpatricksmd.org>

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



On April 7 Terri’s Day Respect Life Ministry: Human Dignity Through Service to the Medically Vulnerable. EWTN will televise the 8:00 AM, noon, and 7:00 PM Masses for the Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network. It is a Crisis Lifeline connecting at risk patients and families with needed medical and legal advocates (855-300-HOPE).

On Palm Sunday (April 9) there will be Blood Pressure Screenings in the Parish Center at 9:00 AM. Please note that Blood Pressure Screenings are usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Also, the next Red Cross Blood Drive will be following both the 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on April 23 in our Parish Center. Please mark your calendars for this life saving event.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities
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Membership is not only an adjective for those who already hold THE CARD, it also describes an opportunity for **friends, neighbors, family members, and/or coworkers** to become an active part of the largest Catholic Fraternal Family Service Organization in the world. That’s pretty special.

Please be on the lookout for membership drives in our council area. The first will be at Saint Peter’s April 1st and 2nd after all the Masses at all the escape routes. I can use your help.

This is the first of several drives within our council’s area. Please contact me if you can assist.

The council encourages everyone to closely watch their parishes’ announcements for all the healing opportunities offered throughout this most Holy Season.

Fraternally, Joe Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities

COUNCIL NEWS

SK Joseph Krempasky, Chairman, Council Activities
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JOIN THIS \$1,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE

Again this year, an anonymous Council Brother has offered to “**Match your donations to our Seminarians’ Fund up to \$1,000!**” This most generous challenge is effective through May 1, 2017. You may make your check payable to “Knights of Columbus Council 6793” and mail it to Don Hemke, Financial Secretary [18729 Willow Grove Road, Olney, MD 20832] **OR** log

on to our website [www.kofc6793.org] and make your donation via our PayPal account.

Remember to specify the purpose of the donation as “**Seminarians’ Fund**” in the notes. As this generous Brother Knight says, “*Here is your opportunity to make an offering to our High Priest and for those who aim to follow Him in the seminary.*” Please recite the prayer below in support of vocations.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus, High Priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call our youth to your service as faithful priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, Brothers and Sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their children so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocations in life with wisdom and freedom.

Lord, you told us that “*The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into His harvest.*” We ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, Brothers and Sisters; those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

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District - K of C 30 Golf Tournament

District 30 including our council, Montgomery, and St. Rose De Lima will be hosting a golf tournament on Friday, April 28 at the MCG Laytonsville golf course. The starting time is 8:30 (shot-gun start), and the price is \$125.00 per person.

I understand there have been accommodations made for different levels of play based on age and other criteria regarding the course. Please contact Ron Herberg at RonHerberg@verizon.net for more information and to let him know your interest. There is also a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Marian’s Welcome Springtime Party

Our council will host the Marion House Spring Festival on May 21 (Sunday) at 2:00 PM. This is a great tradition with various activities, treats, musical entertainment, and prizes for the residents. I am looking for about 8 people to assist in set-ups, tear-downs, food, etc.

Please contact Steve Sutkowski at ssutko9208@aol.com if you would like to help.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Membership
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2017 COUNCIL DUES NOTICE

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

By now most of the council should have received their 2017 dues statements. If you have not, please call (Cell: 301-919-4470) or send an email to me (gumpermd@verizon.net). I want to thank you for your prompt response in sending in your dues payment. For those who have not yet done so, **I encourage you to use the convenience of our council website (www.kofc6793.org) to pay by credit/debit card or PayPal.** Just use the “dues button” at the top of the website to pay our \$45 per year dues. If your dues

statement shows other than a multiple of \$45 due, then you can use the "donation button" for any amount of payment, or partial payment with a comment telling me this is a dues payment. Use the "donation button" to make a Culture of Life donation. One tip, to pay with credit/debit card, avoid selecting prompts for or by PayPal. The credit card prompts are located below the PayPal prompts. Lastly, if you have not yet received your 2017 membership card after making your payment, please call me or send me an email immediately. **If you have recently changed your address or email address, please send me an update so I can adjust our records.** I am available anytime for help and assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita	Pastor/St. Peter's Church
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	Past Chaplain/Council 6793
Kayla MacBride	Niece/Fr. Kalita
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/ Innocent D'Almeida
Marilyn Goldhammer	Wife/ Steve Goldhammer
Elaine Taylor	Wife/ Fred Taylor
Jay Whitman	Brother/ Fred Whitman
Brian Hemke	Son/ Don Hemke
Bill Kuchmas	Past State Deputy
Phil Asplen	Past State Deputy
Lou Rizzo	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Pat Colliton	Brother/Andy Colliton
Richard Herberg, Jr.	Brother/ Ron Herberg
Danny Fluhart	Brother-in law/ Ron Herberg
Bernie Cooney	Council Member
Paul Aloï	Friend/ Robert Amato
Kevin Hartinger	Son/ Brother Knight
Danny Fluhart	Brother-in law/ Ron Herberg
Barbara Campanero	Friend/ Don Hemke
Bill Gulbin	Council Member
Eleanor Banford	Sister/ Bob Mazonkey
Dan Ward	District Deputy # 32
Deacon Tom Choffi	Council Member
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/ Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Ann Ketter	Wife Doug Ketter
Shannon Ridge	Niece Ed Schaffer
Jeanie Street	Wife/ Jim Street
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Larry Paglini	March 8, 2017
Carl Norwood	March 1, 2017
Nancy Wolfe	February 26, 2017
Lorraine Boyd	February 14, 2017
Richard T. Simms	February 10, 2017

Continue to pray for the souls of our deceased armed forces.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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In the four Sunday-Wednesday periods ending on Feb. 8, LeRoy Carhart performed 52 abortions in Germantown; there were 3 saves and several women appear to have changed their minds. Of the abortions, 16 were 1-day procedures, 12 were 2-day, 15 were 3-day, and 9 were 4-day -- the longer the procedure, the older the child. On Feb. 7, a woman completing a 2-day procedure was sent to the hospital in an ambulance. At that point, Carhart had worked 18 days straight between his Maryland and Nebraska facilities. This was the tenth patient that had to be sent to a hospital with an emergency call for an ambulance. Sadly, it was also exactly four years earlier, on Feb. 7, 2013, when Jennifer Morbelli died from complications from a 33-week abortion by Carhart.

Although abortions have dropped nationwide to their lowest level since Roe v. Wade was passed in 1973, and 3 of every 4 abortion centers have closed in the past 15 years, Maryland stands in opposition to the trends. Presently, 26 states have five or fewer abortion facilities; six states have only one each. Maryland, in contrast, has 21 sites where a mother can destroy her in-womb baby. There are only seven states -- California, New York, Florida, New Jersey, Washington, Colorado and Illinois -- which have more. Maryland and the top seven states account for 88 percent of all abortion facilities in the nation.

In Maryland, there is a Safe Haven law, which allows a parent who is unable or unwilling to care for their infant to safely give up custody of their baby, no questions asked. A parent (or another adult with the approval of the mother) has up to 10 days from the birth to invoke Safe Haven anonymously and leave a baby at a hospital or police station. The person is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution provided the child is unharmed. For more information about the Safe Haven law, call the state Department of Human Resources at 800-3326347 or any county department of social services.

On March 3, in the Maryland Senate, the physician-assisted suicide bill (SB 354) was withdrawn from consideration by lead sponsor Senator Guy Guzzone, and the bill's March 7 hearing in the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee was canceled. It is likely that the bill was withdrawn because the majority of the committee continues to oppose the bill. This action effectively ends the chance of this issue passing in Maryland this year! However, the Maryland Catholic Conference will be monitoring the House bill (HB 370) until the last day of session to make sure it does not pass.

"It is a relief that this very dangerous bill is not moving forward again this year," said Maryland Catholic Conference Respect For Life lobbyist Jennifer Briemann. "We are very grateful to all of our coalition partners for working tirelessly on behalf of the intellectually and developmentally disabled, the elderly, the sick, and the vulnerable to make sure this legislation was seen for what it is, a fatally flawed bill. This victory would not have been possible without the support of the Knights of Columbus and parishes from around the state, whose grassroots advocacy efforts proved yet again that Marylanders strongly believe our state is not a state where this practice belongs."

Fertility Care & Natural Family Planning / Subfertility & Infertility Support: Classes/Resources at GaithersburgFertilityCare.org

Pregnancy Assistance: Gabriel Project Cluster at 301-946-4815.

SUPREME NEWS

[WEBSITE: <http://www.kofc.org>]

Source: K of C Supreme Website

GRACE AND SOLIDARITY

Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight



The courageous witness of 17th-century martyrs inspires us to pray for persecuted Christians today.

In February, I wrote about Martin Scorsese's remarkable film *Silence*, based on the historical novel of the same title by the Japanese Catholic author Shusaku Endo. Through the journey of two young Jesuits, Father Francisco Garrpe and Father Sebastião Rodrigues, *Silence* explores the 17th-century persecution of Christians in Japan — and the consequences of the apostasy, after torture, of Father Cristóvão Ferreira, the Jesuit provincial there. As I wrote last month, Scorsese views his film as a sort of pilgrimage, and I encouraged those who see it to do so in the same light. *Silence* presents in an extraordinary way an important chapter — but only one chapter — in the long history of missionary activity and evangelization. What is missing from *Silence* is also worth recalling.

When news of Father Ferreira's action reached Europe, many Jesuits sought to travel to Japan not to ascertain the facts but to join those who were suffering martyrdom. Among them was a group of Jesuits led by an Italian, Father Marcello Mastrilli. Before leaving for Japan, Father Mastrilli composed a new novena asking the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, for the success of the missions and especially for those suffering overseas for the Catholic faith, that they would "live and die in the state of grace." Father Mastrilli's novena, traditionally recited in March, has come to be known as the Novena of Grace.

Father Mastrilli and his companions were captured shortly after their arrival in Japan. Horribly tortured, they suffered martyrs' deaths. Indeed, Father Mastrilli's witness, not Father Ferreira's apostasy, better represents the Jesuit mission in Japan.

A Japanese account from the time states that during the 17th century approximately 100 Jesuits died as martyrs while only five renounced their faith, after torture.

There is even evidence that toward the end of his life Father Ferreira recanted his apostasy, after which he, too, was tortured to death.

And regarding the question of whether Christianity could take root in Japan, the fact remains that when Commodore Matthew Perry entered Japan's Edo Bay in 1853 there were thousands of Japanese Christians.

Today, we see throughout parts of the Middle East, Africa and Asia the brutal persecution, torture and killing of Christians. The daily heroism of these brothers and sisters in the faith is an inspiration to their fellow Christians everywhere.

As we know, the situation is particularly acute in the Middle East, where so many Christians have been targeted for genocide and hundreds of thousands have lost virtually everything. During the past several years, the Knights of Columbus has become one of the international leaders in helping these people — providing thousands with food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

This year, we will continue our leadership role and we will look for ways to provide even more help. The corporal works of mercy continue to be indispensable.

But we can also do more to foster a greater spiritual solidarity with Christians who are suffering. This month, we will launch a new initiative to pray for those Christians suffering persecution. In this way, we will join a new spiritual work of mercy with our ongoing corporal works of mercy.

We are proposing a new prayer, a Novena of Grace and Solidarity (see below), based on the prayer of Father Mastrilli. I urge all brother Knights and their families to join in this Novena of Grace and Solidarity for persecuted Christians throughout the world March 12-20. The novena may also be prayed any time throughout the year.

In many ways, 2017 may be the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist. Many Christians in the region tell me that our efforts give them renewed hope and determination.

Let us pray that, in spite of all the tribulations they face, they will remain faithful and that we will remain worthy of their trust in us.

Vivat Jesus!

A NOVENA OF GRACE AND SOLIDARITY

God our Father, as St. Francis Xavier and countless of your missionaries traveled to the ends of the earth, impelled by the love of Jesus Christ, give me the grace to rely entirely on you, confident in the knowledge that you raise up the humble and the lowly. May I be united with your saints in offering you my humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise. I implore you to grant me, through your mercy, the blessing of living and dying in a state of grace. I also ask this same blessing for all those throughout the world who suffer persecution because of their faith in you. O God, you were pleased to gather to your Church the peoples of the world by the preaching and miracles of all your saints; mercifully grant that I may imitate their virtues and so bear witness to the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

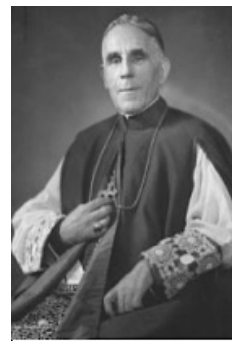
Amen.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]

McNamara Chapter Marshall – Jack Giacalone



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs.

EVENT: Chapter Meeting
DATE: 04/19/2017 **TIME:** 8PM
PLACE: Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793
15661 Norbeck Blvd, Silver Spring, MD 20906

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



REFLECTIONS – A NATION DIVIDED

(by Lawrence P. Grayson)

“A house divided against itself cannot stand,” said Abraham Lincoln in June 1858, less than three years before the Civil War began. “It will become all one thing or all the other,” he continued. “Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it...or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become lawful in all the States.”

Today, the social compact of the United States is again being severed, not by the issue of slavery, but by race, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender expression, and other lines of fragmentation that can be exploited by wedge politics. As intense as the controversies arising from these matters are, they are more like lacerations on the surface of society. The underlying, fundamental chasm centers on divergent beliefs in God and the importance of religion for leading one’s life.

The divide was exemplified by two recent events held days apart. On Jan. 21, hundreds of thousands of women gathered for the first Women’s March on Washington and its companion demonstrations in other cities and nations. They claimed the recent presidential election insulted, demonized and threatened women. Those favoring pro-life, however, were not welcome because the core issue of the demonstration was a woman’s right to abortion.

On Jan. 27, hundreds of thousands of people participated in the 44th annual March for Life in Washington, with companion parades across the United States and the world. They had one message: every human life is valuable and must be protected from conception until natural death. The opposing views expressed at the two gatherings are irreconcilable.

The divergence in dealing with religiously-based issues is clearly exhibited in opposing actions of the Obama and Trump presidential administrations. Forty-eight hours before the end of Obama’s term on Jan. 20, a rule went into effect to prohibit states from withholding federal funds for family planning from Planned Parenthood. Four weeks later on Feb. 16, the House voted to void the rule. Senate action and the President’s signature are expected soon.

Under the Obama Administration, annual funding to Planned Parenthood increased significantly, rising to \$554 million in 2015. On Jan. 30, 2017, the Protect Funding for Women’s Health Care Act (S.241), which would prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving any federal funding and redirect the amount it would have received to health care providers that do not perform abortions, was introduced in the Senate.

Last August, a Federal District Court enjoined the Obama Administration from enforcing a directive ordering public schools to allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender choice, rather than biological sex. The Obama Administration appealed, but on Feb. 10, the day after Jeff Sessions was sworn in as Attorney General, the Justice Department withdrew the petition, and on Feb. 22, the directive was withdrawn.

On one side of the divide are religiously-committed people who uphold the innate dignity of every human being, the sanctity of human life at all stages, marriage as only between one man and one woman, and freedom of conscience in guiding one’s public actions. On the other side are the religiously-indifferent. They overwhelmingly view human dignity as being conferred when one can function as a person, a woman to have a right to abort her own child, marriage as a union between consenting adults regardless of gender, and a religious-formed conscience as subordinate to LGBT demands. The two groups conflict not only theologically, but clash culturally and politically, as well.

They allow no middle view, no room for compromise. America is a pluralistic nation, in which people of numerous persuasions must live and work together in freedom, peace and justice. This can only occur and be sustained if the people are bound together by common principles, shared values and underlying societal mores. It is morality, not laws, which forms such bonds. Throughout most of America’s history, morality and its attendant virtues were rooted in Judeo-Christian teachings. These religious ideas shaped people’s beliefs and convictions, and guided their behavior. They provided the basis for the nation’s social policy and law, and created a framework for the nation’s public life.

Read the full article in the MD State Bulletin. See link - http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1617/md_newsletter.pdf (see p 19).

YOUTH NEWS

DGK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

"Reminder. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is almost here. This exciting and fun event will occur on Saturday, April 8, at 11 AM at St. Patrick’s School. Children, grouped by ages 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9 will have designated egg-hunting spaces! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded in each age category. Children should bring their own baskets. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny may make an appearance! Please call Joe Krempasky at 301-570-4891 by Thursday, April 6, with the number and ages of your children who will attend.

*****ATTENTION*****

TROUBLE CONNECTING TO COUNCIL WEBSITE?

It has come to our attention that many of you have had difficulty reaching our council website when trying to pay dues, make donations, and pay golf tournament fees using credit or debit cards. Due to changes caused with Microsoft 10, our website URL no longer may work depending upon what operating system your computer is using. Avoiding a long discussion, use the following “new URL” (kofc6793.org) to contact the website. If you have difficulty, use the “old URL” (www.kofc6793.org) to connect.

Don Hemke, Council Financial Secretary



Father Peter Paul Maher Council

41st CHARTER ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2 - 5 p.m.

The Oak Room

17921 Brooke Road

Sandy Spring, Md. 20860

The Sandy Spring Fire House, Use the main entrance 2nd Floor

Buffet Luncheon Menu

Appetizers

Spinach & Artichoke Dip and Jerk Mango Chicken Skewer

Dinner

Fresh Garden Salad, Beef Burgundy, Teriyaki Glazed Salmon, Wild Rice Pilaf,
Fresh Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Soda

Dessert

Assorted Pastries and Cakes

Table of 10 may be reserved and Guests are welcome!

Cost: \$28 per person

Please contact Jack Giacalone as soon as possible with your reservation request. All reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Jack Giacalone (301) 774 6338 or at jgiacal@verizon.net

Make your check payable to Fr Maher Council #6793 and mail to Jack Giacalone 3901 Shallow Brook Ln. Olney MD 20832

Please join us to help celebrate our Council's 41st year.

There will be a Short Program of accomplishments a few thank yous and Check presentations to three of our favorite charities: Community Support Services, Potomac Community Resources (PCR) and Lollypop Kids



District 30 - K of C Golf Tournament
four person scramble

Friday, April 28th, 2017

MCG Laytonsville Golf Course

Shot-gun start: 8:30 AM •• **Cost: \$125 per player**

This includes entry, 18-holes of golf, riding cart and luncheon.

Cash prizes for Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin and lowest team score.

Proceeds(100% of sponsorships and \$50 per player) to benefit Seminarian Funds.

**Sponsoring Councils are Fr. Peter Paul Maher(6793), Montgomery(2323),
and St. Rose of Lima(14297)**

**To register: contact RonHerberg@verizon.net or GaryPalmer at
gtdbpalmer@verizon.net or Jack Sahm at jacksahm@verizon.net**

Thank you!



- * District 30 – Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament at Laytonsville Golf Course – FRI/APR/28/2017. Contact Ron Herberg for details and to register (Herberg@verizon.net).
- * Annual Charter Dinner at the Oak Room, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, Md. 20860, Call Jack Giacalone, 301-774-6338 – SUN/APR/23/2017

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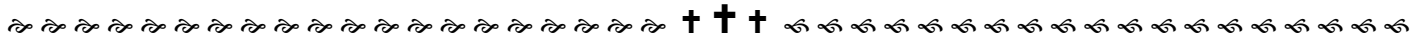
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- APR 05 WED** **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick’s Parish Center
- APR 08 SAT Easter Egg Hunt, 11AM, St. Patrick’s School
- APR 09 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick’s Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137
- APR 12 WED** **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- APR 14 FRI Good Friday
- APR 16 SUN Easter Sunday
- APR 19 WED McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, hosted at our Council
- APR 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- APR 23 SUN Divine Mercy Sunday
- APR 23 SUN** Annual Charter Dinner at the The Oak Room, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, Md. 20860, Call Jack Giacalone, 301-774-6338
- APR 26 WED** **Council Social** –7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Church



- MAY 03 WED** **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick’s Parish Center
- MAY 10 WED** **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- MAY 14 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick’s Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137
- MAY 17 WED McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, hosted by St. Elizabeth Council #12796, Election of Officers
- MAY 25 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- MAY 24 WED** First Degree & Second Degree, 7PM & 8PM, Our Lady of Grace Church

► **For more information about or to participate in any council event, call Grand Knight Fred Taylor on 301-871-8928.**
► **Council Calendar:** View it at: www.KofC6793.org (Select “*Event Calendar*” at the left and the current month’s calendar will be displayed.) Scroll forward to view upcoming events.) To view **Monthly Business Meeting Minutes** on the website: (On the HOME screen, scroll to the bottom of the page, on the right, select “*Access Minutes*” in the Council Minutes section.)
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