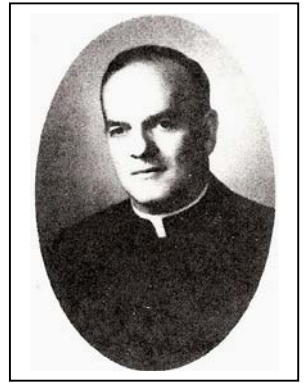


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Monsignor Donald Essex, Pastor, Our Lady of Grace Church

Brother Knights and Ladies:

This year the month of April begins with the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter, April 3.) As you know, Our Lord gave several revelations to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and her confessor.

At a time when Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Sr. Faustina, "but I desire to heal it." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

As we celebrate this Year of Mercy we take to heart the words of Pope Francis: "Let us be renewed by God's mercy...and let us become agents of mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish." As you celebrate and share His mercy, may you be filled with Easter joy.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Essex

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)

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"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

The recent passing of several friends and relatives of mine reminds me of our mortality and the fragile existence we lead during our short time on this earth. As we advance in age, it seems that we hear all too often of the passing of a friend or relative, often someone younger than us. It reminds me of the need to use our precious time wisely and get the most you can out of every day in service to God and others in our lives so that, when your earthly pilgrimage ends, you can be proud that you've made a difference in some peoples' lives.

Many of us have been or are currently 'caregivers' to someone we know and love. Only you know how difficult, and

Motto: Lord, help me to say "Yes" to Your will.

rewarding, that can be. It reminds me of a saying an old boss of mine had about someone who had accomplished something significant: 'You'll get your reward in heaven.' Someone recently sent me a 'Prayer for Caregivers' that I'd like to share with you: 'Heavenly Mother, you know that illness affects not only the sick person, but also the family, friends, and professionals who provide care in the pursuit of healing and comfort. Please be with all caregivers; grant them strength and courage, and guide the healing hands of the doctors and health care workers on whose care we rely. Amen.'

Vivat Jesus!

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight

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Brother Knights and Ladies:

Spring is here and it brings the season of new beginnings! We have opportunities to play and work outside and enjoy all the blessings that the Lord has provided. Elaine and I hope all had a blessed and happy Easter filled with joy and the appreciation of the greatest miracle, the fundamental tenet of our faith, the Resurrection of our Lord.

The Council Mulch Sale fundraiser was a resounding success. It was supported by many Council Knights who provided trucks and strong backs! I thank all of you who participated in that event and provided this service for our community. We also sponsored our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Saint Patrick's on March 19th. It was truly a joy to see the young so excited and happy searching for and finding the hidden eggs and receiving goodie bags and prizes. I thank Joe Krempasky for taking the lead for both of these events and to Kathy Krempasky, our Easter Bunny.

Our March Social Meeting featured a program "What Jesus saw from the Cross". That program was led by our Assistant Chaplin, Deacon Tom Cioffi and was again an event not to be forgotten. Knights and Ladies were inspired by this program. Everyone then enjoyed the company of each other over refreshments.

There are two events coming up in April that I hope you will consider. One is our annual party for the Marian Assisted Living residents. It is always a great event and the residents are really interesting and appreciate the social opportunity. You can't imagine the conversations you will have at this venue! The other event not to miss is our annual Charter Anniversary Dinner. It is on Sunday, April 24th, beginning at 4 PM so we can get there and back home in sunlight hours. The menu at the New Fortune


Restaurant is extensive and filled with delicious choices. You will find a flyer in this newsletter, please call Homer Chen to let him know how many will be attending.

Our Social meeting in April will host a Formation Degree and will be held at the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Grace Church. This is an opportunity to welcome and encourage our Brothers as they move through the Degrees. Many other opportunities to serve our Church and Community are on our agenda for the 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.


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As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

CHURCH NEWS

Steve Fontaine, Chairman, Church Activities
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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpatricksmd.org>
Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



Don't just sit there!

Have you given up on your New Year resolutions to get back in shape? Chair Aerobics are being offered in the Parish Center for either Monday or Thursday classes running from March 21st through mid May. The cost is \$40 for the eight-week session. Class will include hand weights, stretch bands and foam footballs. Benefits include improved range of motion and balance. Highly qualified instructors with great experience teach the classes. Find out more by contacting Veronica Kidder (301) 924-2014 or Marie Warner at (301) 924-2281

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>
Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Do you know someone who has a calling as an Extraordinary Minister?

One becomes an Extraordinary Minister (EM) by invitation only, recommended by another parishioner, a parish employee or a member of the clergy. Those recommended must be involved in some aspect of parish life, so that becoming an EM is not that person's first involvement in the parish. Candidates must meet a number of criteria set by both Saint Peter's and the Archdiocese of Washington which include but are not limited to: 1. At least 18 years of age 2. Fully initiated, i.e. has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and 3. Must be a practicing catholic. If you know of someone who meets these requirements and believe that they would make a great EM then please submit their name to Beth Nalyvayko at bhnaly@verizon.net no later than Sunday April 10.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861
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SK Innocent d’Almeida, Faithful Navigator [www.sullivan2861.org]



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

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 |
| Donna D’Almeida | Wife/Innocent D’Almeida |
| Kayla MacBride | Niece/Rev. Fr. Kalita |
| John Feldman | Council Member |
| Joe Krempasky | Brother Knight |
| Brian Hemke | Son/Don Hemke |
| Chris Romano | Brother Knight |
| Ron Kiss | Council member |
| Lou Rizzo | Friend/Kevin Kennedy |
| Bob Farlow | Friend/Joe Feakes |
| Pat Colliton | Brother/Andy Colliton |
| Danny Fluhart | Brother-in law/ Ron Herberg |
| Chris Romano | Brother Knight |
| Donna Saliola | Friend/Kevin Kennedy |
| Marilyn Goldhammer | Wife/Steve Goldhammer |
| Loretta Morrison | Friend/Innocent D’Almeida |
| Denise Ballard | Niece/Bob Mazonkey |
| Karen Mazonkey | Daughter/Bob Mazonkey |
| Dick Sherbert | Past State Deputy |
| Eleanor Banford | Sister/ Bob Mazonkey |
| Pam Compton | Friend/ Bob Mazonkey |
| Clyde Dameron | Friend/ Paul McFarlane |
| Kathryn Laraby | Friend/ Paul McFarlane |

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

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities
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Support our Council’s “Food for Families” Program



Buy and bring any of the items listed below to any Council event. We donate these to St. Patrick’s and St. Peter’s Food Banks to help our parishes’ families.

Dried Beans or Peas - Macaroni and Cheese – Spaghetti and other Pastas - Snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, nuts) – Cold or Hot Cereals – Juices - Pancake Mix - Syrup - Chili - Canned Fruits and Vegetables - Rice (bagged or boxed) - Peanut Butter - Jelly – Jell-O – Pudding Mixes - Canned meats (Spam, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew – Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk – Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) – Ramen Noodles, Rice & Side dishes, etc.

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL ITEMS.

In support of the council's "Food for Families" program we are requesting that everyone who plans to attend our Charter Dinner on April 24th bring a contribution. Details on this event appear elsewhere in this newsletter"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Membership
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Father Peter Paul Maher Council will conduct a membership drive at Saint Peter's after all the Masses on April 2nd and 3rd including a table at the coffee and donuts in the parish hall.

This is a VERY busy weekend for the council and we need help to staff this event. Please contact Joe Feakes at 301-774-0137 or email at josephfeakes@aol.com to assist.

COUNCIL NEWS

SK Joseph Krempasky, Chairman, Council Activities
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Our Council is looking for a “Soundman” to join our Admission/First Degree Team. The job is important, yet very simple to perform. Please call Paul McFarlane (301-633-9439) or Kevin Kennedy (301-774-5014) with interest.

CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Tuesday, April 21, 2016 marks the 40th Anniversary of our Council's Institution on April 21, 1976! Our Council's namesake is **Father Peter Paul Maher** is pictured below, circa 1941, as Major Peter Paul Maher of the Marine Peace Corps. You have until APR/19 to reserve your seat for our Charter Anniversary Dinner to be held on SUN/APR/24. See attached flyer for details.



2016 COUNCIL DUES NOTICE

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

By now most of the council should have received their 2016 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 2016 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.

UKnight Council Fundraiser with Amazon



UKnight, our council web provider, has announced a new fundraising opportunity for councils that use UKnight. The Council will receive commissions on all purchases made on Amazon.com when purchasers use the Amazon link on our UKnight website. Please go to our web site and select the Amazon link to do your shopping and the council will receive a monthly commission from UKnight from 4% to 8.5% depending on volume of activity, there is no cost to the council. We encourage you, your families and friends to use the link so we might raise additional funds to help to continue to support our many charitable causes.

Feel free to publicize this link and remember our web site address is www.kofc6793.org. Contact me, **Jack Giacalone** (jgiacal@verizon.net) with questions; and thanks for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SK Paul D. McFarlane, Chairman, Community Activities
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Marian's Welcome Springtime Party – SUN/APR/10



On Sunday, April 10 (1:30-3:30PM) our council will host a "Welcome Springtime" party for the Marian Assisted Living residents in Brookville, MD at their facility off Georgia Avenue. We'll bring light refreshments, games, small gifts, and music and spend 2 hours engaging our wonderful guests. We need 8 to 10 Knights and Ladies to assist; if you can, please call Paul McFarlane (contact info above).

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

SK Stephen Goldhammer, Chairman, Culture of Life
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The Vanishing Abortion Clinic: Bloomberg Business reported on February 24 that, "Abortion access in the U.S. has been vanishing at the fastest annual pace on record." Their figures show that for every eight abortion facilities that close only one opens.

Operation Rescue, with slightly different data, verifies this claim. In a report released on December 22, that organization documented that 42 surgical abortion facilities closed or halted all abortion services during 2015, while 7 new ones opened. Surgical abortion clinics are declining at an average net pace of one every week-and-a-half. Since 1991, the number of surgical abortion clinics has fallen by 81%, from 2,176 to the present 514. And the trend continues. In 2016, there already have been nine abortion facilities that have closed or announced imminent closures, although two are temporary. Medicine-only clinics, which dispense pills for first-trimester pregnancies, however, have risen to 213.

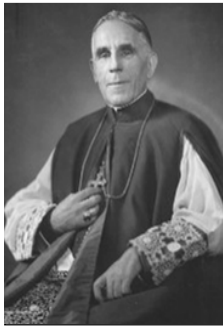
Reasons for the closures include: the retirement of abortionists due to advanced age and declining health, with few young doctors entering the business; new state laws, such as requiring abortionists to have hospital privileges and clinics to meet out-patient surgical standards, have caused many substandard and dangerous operators to close; declining demand for abortions; continued strong public pro-life support; and public exposure of abortion abuses by pro-life groups. For further information, check <http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-2015-abortionclinic-survey-reveals-81-of-abortion-clinics-closed-since-1991/>.

Pro-Life Resources - USCCB/Pro-Life Activities & Life Issues Institute - online educational articles / video about the sanctity of life at all conditions / stages.

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

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

CHAPTER NEWS



Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

Website: <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/mcnamara.asp>

- ▶ **When:** WED/APR/20: Meeting at 8PM
- ▶ **Where:** Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council #11024
19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, Germantown, MD
- ▶ **ATTIRE:** Coat and Tie

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

STOP THE CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE.ORG

The web-notice of the "March-2016 Knightline" publication provides a link for concerned Knights and others to sign a letter of petition to Secretary of State, John F. Kerry. A portion of this letter and the link to sign the petition is provided here.

"...ISIS's own public statements take "credit" for the murder of Christians precisely because they are Christian and express its intent to wholly eradicate Christian and other minority communities from its "Islamic State." Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill noted in their historic joint statement that "whole families, villages and cities of our brothers and sisters in Christ are being completely exterminated..."

<http://www.stopthechristiangenocide.org/en/index.html>

YOUTH NEWS

Andy Colliton, Chairman, Youth Activities

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2016 FATHER CANICE TREACY MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS Application Deadline = FRI/APR/29/2016



Our council is accepting scholarship applications from local high school seniors who are graduating this May and going on to college. The application is available on our council's website [www.kofc6793.org]. Contact Kevin Kennedy on 301-774-5014 with questions.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

"Be not afraid, our faith is our courage!"

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



Maryland State Employment Assistance Program Chairman - Joseph Feakes

Are you seeking employment or know someone who is? Do you know of any job availability for someone seeking employment? Take a few minutes to visit the website below. There you'll find advertisements by Brother Knights in need of work as well as companies offering jobs.

<http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1415/HelpABrotherKnight.asp>



These Brother Knights need our help! If you have any leads to help them get hired, please contact Joe Feakes on 301-642-2919 or JosephFeakes@aol.com. He will protect the privacy of these Knights in need, and make the connections. Thanks!



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Father Peter Paul Maher Council

40th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Dance with DJ Music
Sunday, April 24, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

New Fortune Restaurant
Walnut Hill Shopping Center
16515 S. Frederick Ave. (Rt. 355)
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Chinese Banquet Menu

Teriyaki Beef, Teriyaki Chicken
Pan Fried Pork Dumpling
Crab Claw with Shrimp Paste
Crabmeat Asparagus Soup
Beef Steak Chinese Style
Capital Spare Ribs
Jumbo Shrimp with Walnuts
Sautéed Mixed Vegetable
Crispy Chicken Chinese Style
Pan Fried Cod
Cantonese Chicken Fried Rice
Cash Bar, 2 Bottles Sodas/Table, Tea
Dessert

Table of 10 may be reserved, Guests are welcome

Cost: \$26 per person

For Reservations: Homer Chen (301) 460-0580

Email: Homerchen14@gmail.com

Check payable to Fr. Maher Council 6793 & mail to
4401 Bestor Dr. Rockville, MD 20853 **no later than April 17, 2016**

In support of the council's "Food for Families" program we are requesting that everyone who plans to attend our Charter Dinner on April 24th bring a contribution.



* Make your April 24, 2016 reservation for our council's 40th Charter Anniversary Dinner! See attached flyer for details.

* Marian's "Welcome Springtime" Party, April 10, 2016 (1:30-3:30PM) Call Paul McFarlane (301-633-9439) to volunteer.

* Memorial Day Mass at Gate-of-Heaven Cemetery, May 30, 2016 at 10am with a reception to follow in the chapel

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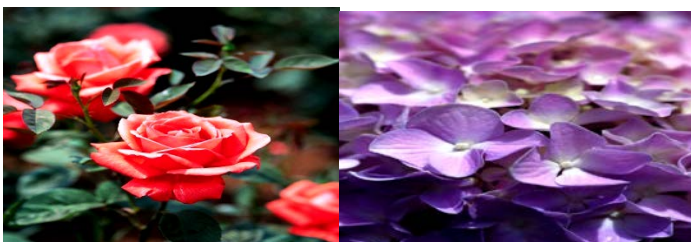


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- APR 02 SAT Archdiocese of Washington District 4th Degree Exemplification
- APR 02 SAT Council Membership Drive at Saint Peter's after 5PM Mass
- APR 03 SUN Divine Mercy Sunday
- APR 03 SUN Council Membership Drive at Saint Peter's after all the Masses
- APR 04 MON Annunciation of Our Lord
- APR 06 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center**
- APR 10 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church (*Council 6793 Knights are needed for ushering.*)
- APR 10 SUN Marian's "Welcome Springtime" Party (1:30-3:30PM) Call Paul McFarlane (301-633-9439) to volunteer.
- APR 13 WED Business Meeting, (7:30PM) OLGC-HS Classroom #114 ~ Arrive at 7PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**
- APR 21 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- APR 24 SUN Council's 40th Charter Anniversary Dinner** – See attached flyer for details.
- APR 27 WED Council Social, (7:30PM), Formation Degree, Our Lady of Grace Church Parish Center (meeting at 7:30, Candidates arrive at 7:00). Council will conduct a membership drive at Saint Peter's after all the Masses on April 2nd and 3rd including a table at the coffee and donuts in the parish hall.**



- MAY 04 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center**
- MAY 08 SUN **Mothers' Day!**
- MAY 08 SUN Second Sunday 7:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church (*Council 6793 Knights are needed for ushering.*)
Call Joe Feakes (301-774-0137)
- MAY 11 WED Business Meeting, (7:30PM) OLGC-HS Classroom #114 ~ Arrive at 7PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**
- MAY 19 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- MAY 21 SAT Armed Forces Day
- MAY 25 WED Council Social, (7:30PM) OLGC-HS Rm.114, Admission Degree (meeting at 7:30, Candidates arrive at 7:00)**
- MAY 30 MON Memorial Day Mass at Gate-of-Heaven Cemetery at 10am with a reception to follow in the chapel.
Knights are needed. To volunteer, call Joe Feakes (301-774-0137) or Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891).
Volunteers should plan to arrive at 9:15am.

► **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.)
 ► **DEADLINE:** Newsletter content **MUST** be sent, via e-mail, to **Paul McFarlane [PMKnight6793kofc@verizon.net]**
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