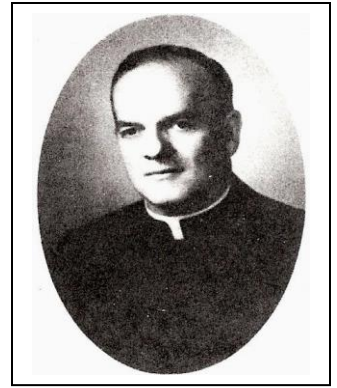


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Vincent DeRosa, Council Chaplain



"Lord have mercy." Words that take on special meaning during Lent, especially for Knights who seek to exemplify and serve the heavenly court. What is the mercy we seek? Is it merely that God should forgive us our sins? No. The mercy of Lent is much more than this. Turning to venerable tradition, we seek not just English mercy, but Latin pietas and misericordia... words from the mass which encompass the forgiveness of sin, but go much further.

The Catholic sense of mercy always includes pietas, that is: compassion, gentleness, kindness, and devoted love... and misericordia: compassion moved specifically by the appreciation of one's miserable state. It's the mercy of the Good Samaritan... the love Jesus felt when seeing the crowds living like sheep without a shepherd his heart was moved with pity for them. It's the mercy Jesus showed Mary Magdalene when he lifted her from the dirt. This is the fullness of mercy.

It's simpler to see the world only in terms of juridical mercy, but it's not enough. Consider this: a friend once observed, "Ninety percent of what we do is a reaction to pain." I'm not sure if that's completely accurate, but there's some truth there.

Do I see others only for their sins? Or do I also seek to feel, understand and heal their pain, their miseria? Good questions to orient us as Knights during the holy season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Grand Knight

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2014 – 2015 Motto: "Seeing God in Everyone"

I recently finished signing over 300 Council membership cards for 2015. My hope is that when you receive your dues notice you will strongly consider renewing your membership and contribute to the several patron ad requests.

The one thing that hit me hard as I was signing these cards was the very large number of names I did not recognize. Our council has a very strong core of Brother Knights and family members who consistently respond to calls to support the many events and projects our council sponsors. That core number needs to expand. This is not a closed group. We welcome with open arms any of our members and families who want to participate at any level.

We attempt to put together a yearlong calendar of activities that interest our membership. That doesn't mean it can't change. I sincerely welcome any reasonable suggestions. Feel free to contact me or any Council Officer with your ideas.

This is our council, yours and mine. I would really like the chance to put more faces with the names on membership cards. We all joined for a reason. If, for any reason, you feel the Knights of Columbus is not living up to your expectations, I want to know.

As we approach the season of Lent, please know that my prayers are with you and your family that you may enrich your faith by participating in the many devotions offered by our Parishes. *Vivat Jesus!*

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)

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My brothers - I just returned from the funeral of SK Robert M. Nyikos. Rob was the Past Grand Knight of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 12127 and was a Grand Knight from 2011-12 when I was the GK of our Council. We lost him too soon. Besides Rob's family, the church was filled with Knights of Columbus, their spouses, and members of the Color Corps. In his homily, Fr. Joseph Rogers, Pastor of St. John Neumann parish and our former Council Chaplain, spoke of Rob's legacy as a Knight and said that Rob epitomized what it meant to be a dedicated and involved Knight and was an example for all of us to follow. He praised Rob for doing God's work here on earth through the Knights.

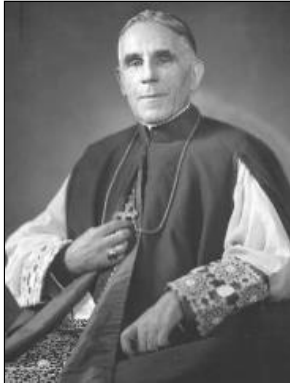
That's what the Knights are all about, doing God's work through our myriad charitable activities. For those of you who haven't been very active in our Council's activities lately, we need your help to accomplish all of our many Council works of charity. Don't wait to be asked. When you see something in the monthly newsletter that is requesting helpers, please put your faith

into action by picking up the phone and calling the point of contact to volunteer. Many hands make for light work, and you'll be rewarded with a great deal of satisfaction for helping the Council accomplish its many good works.

Show your spouse you appreciate her by doing something extra special for her on Valentine's Day! *Vivat Jesus!*


CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963




Attend an upcoming Chapter meeting to learn about all the exciting events and activities other Maryland Councils are hosting! Next meeting is Wednesday, February 25 at 8PM at St. Columille Council #5317 in Ft. Washington, MD. Topic: "The best laid plans..." Meeting moved to Wednesday because of Lent. Website: <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/mcnamara.asp>


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An Added Benefit of LTC Insurance

As life expectancy increases, the number of people in need of long-term care, in their homes or outside facilities, has grown also. Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. Since 2005, every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All

providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently a LTC policyholder, I suggest that we schedule some time together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this significant, value-added benefit.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



TALK WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

Whether death comes unexpectedly or at the end of a long and full life, it's important for us to consider not only the spiritual dimension of death, but to think in a very practical way about how we would want the circumstances of our death to reflect our deepest beliefs. Given the extraordinary advances in modern medicine, not only do we live longer, but even at the end stages of life, we often have available the means to prolong life far beyond what would have been possible in past generations. What should we do? When do we let go? Maryland's bishops have released a pastoral letter, **Comfort and Consolation**, on care for the sick and dying. Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdccathcon.org/publications for copy downloads or to order.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Tuesdays, February 3 through March 17, our Adult Faith Formation Ministry invites you to take part in the seven-week series called **Discovering Christ**. Each session includes a shared dinner, a time for prayer, a teaching from a DVD series, and a

small group discussion. You owe it to yourself to deepen your relationship with the One who loves you more than he loved even his own life.

Is it worth the time? Someone who took part in **Discovering Christ** last year had this to say, “*I gained profound insights, especially from the video of a father telling his son that nothing he could do would make him love him less. The small group meant so much. Friendships have grown. We shared many ideas I had not thought about. I learned that I do not have to do it alone.*”

For more information, call our office of Adult Faith Formation at 301-774-0162 or contact coordinators Bill and Karen Carlson at 301-260-0613.

YOUTH NEWS

Andy Colliton, Youth Activities Coordinator

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DISTRICT-30 BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST



All interested youth are invited to participate in the District-30 Basketball Free Throw Contest. (Note that the Council Level Basketball Free Throw contest has been combined with the District Level contest.)

This event is set for SAT/FEB/21 (1-3PM). See calendar for details. Youth Activities Chairman, Andy Colliton's contact information is above.

The MD State Free Throw competition will be on SUN/MAR/15 at the School of the Incarnation in Gambrills, MD (Time is to be announced).

39TH ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DAY



Circle Saturday February 21st on your calendar! We need your help and smiling faces again **to volunteer** to serve the food to the many families attending the **39th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day!** This event is co-sponsored with the Olney Lions Club and benefits our **Council Scholarship Program**. Purchase a business card size ad for only \$30 in the Program Book and get two free tickets to the event (\$18 value). PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS! **Contact Chris Romano** at (240-731-9478 or cjromano1066@gmail.com) to volunteer or to purchase an ad.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joseph Feakes, GK



The MD State Council's Silver Knight Award is bestowed on a Knight who recruits 2 new members, participates in 3 council programs and 3 business meetings. Above, DD-30 S. Goldhammer presents this award to C. Romano on WED/JAN/14/2015. Congratulations to Brother Romano for earning the Silver Knight Award for recruiting two new members. Recently Chris added another new member to our Council roster. Thanks Chris for setting high standards for what it means to “reach out and share our faith.”

We also extend a hearty welcome our newest Council 6793 members: Andrew Wakefield, Glenn Deskins, David Sheedy, Steve Scango, and Lynn Shilling!

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

“Be not afraid, our faith is our courage!”



117th ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION MAY 1 through 3, 2015

Beginning at **7AM on Monday, February 2, 2015** you can book hotel reservations for the convention one of two ways:

► Call Princess Royal Hotel Reservations at
1-800-4-ROYALE [1-800-476-9253]
OR

► Go online to the hotel's new reservations system:
<https://book.b4checkin.com/princessroyale/groups.asp>
(Use Group ID – 3854.)

Once you put in the Group ID, hit Enter and you'll be taken to a page where you may choose your room type **from those rooms still available**. Follow the instructions and provide all your personal information and credit card information to guarantee the room you have selected.

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/Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita
Rose Taylor	Mother/Fred Taylor
Donna d'Almeida	Wife/Innocent d'Almeida
Joseph Krempasky	Brother Knight/Chris Romano
Louis Krempasky	Father/Joseph Krempasky
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Leon Amaducci	Friend/Chris Romano
Joanne Checchi	Friend/Chris Romano
Kunigunde Menzel	Wife/Karl Menzel
Bob Mazonky	Husband/Barbara Mazonkey
Chris & Danielle Trevitt	Friends/Chris Romano
Jennifer Kollins	Daughter/Bill Kollins
Barbara & Dominic Campanaro	Friends/Don Hemke
Susan Mann	Friend/Don Hemke
Penny Swartz	Council 6793 Widow
Vincent Giacalone	Brother/Jack Giacalone
Frances Beans	Friend/Paul McFarlane
Carol Myer	Wife/Tony Myer
Shawn Doherty	Brother/Shannon Doherty
Andre Dress	Friend/Chris Romano
DECEASED'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP / DATE
Lois Diepold	12/08/2014
Christopher Trevitt	12/29/2014
Jim Schallmo	01/04/2015
Charlie Gareis	01/09/2015
Bobby Sabin	January 2015
Robert M. Nyikos	January 2015

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



Our Council website [www.kofc6793.org] links to the MD State Council's website [www.kofc-md.org] where you will find the latest State news. There's also a link to the Supreme Council's website [<http://www.kofc.org>] where you can learn more about the global reach of our Order.

► Attend the **Council Social, WED/FEB/25 (7:30PM @ OLGC)** for a time of prayer, sharing, reflection and fellowship led by Associate Chaplain Deacon Tom Cioffi. This will be an enjoyable evening, especially as it occurs during the Lenten Season.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Culture of Life Council Activities
Steve Goldhammer, St. Patrick's Culture of Life Chairman



Even though it's February, it's not too late to follow through on some New Year's resolutions. Following are some New Year's resolutions suggested by Pope Francis:

"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are. Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love. Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy. Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence. Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others..."

Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord. Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people. Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation. Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."

Please mark your calendar for the Maryland March for Life on Monday, March 9th, in Annapolis.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861
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Sir Knight Peter Zaudtke, Faithful Navigator
[www.sullivan2861.org]



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

Also, please remember to return your 2015 dues payment as soon as possible. Thank You!

SUPREME NEWS

Source: KofC Supreme Website



Knights Present 500th Ultrasound Machine Program Celebrates 5 Years, 50 States – 500 Machines

On November 4, 2014, the Knights of Columbus funded the purchase of an ultrasound machine for a Baltimore area pregnancy center, making it the 500th such gift by the Knights to a pregnancy center dedicated to helping women keep and care for their unborn babies. *“When we began this program five years ago, we hoped to put a machine in every state,”* said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson before presenting the ultrasound machine to the Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns for use at its Dundalk, MD, facility. *“But this program has been even more successful because of the great need and the generosity of brother Knights from coast to coast.”* He added: *“Not only has this program saved the lives of countless unborn children, but it has saved many mothers – and fathers – from a lifetime of regret.”*

Anderson made the presentation along with the Knights’ Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop of Baltimore William Lori at an annual meeting of K of C leaders from around the world held at the Baltimore Hilton. The Knights’ Ultrasound Initiative began in January 2009 with 13 machines purchased in the first year. The program has since expanded to all 50 U.S. states, Canada and Jamaica, and employs the latest technology that allows a mother to see clearly the child alive in her womb. U.S. states with the largest number of ultrasound machines funded by the Knights include Texas (40), Missouri (35), Florida (34), California (33) and Michigan (30). The latest ultrasound machine with K of C funding is the 12th to be located in Maryland.

The program encourages state and local Knights councils to assist qualified pregnancy resource centers in their areas by raising half the cost of an ultrasound machine. The K of C Supreme Council’s Culture of Life Fund then matches those dollars to contribute to the purchase of a machine, with the cost per machine starting at about \$20,000. To date, Knights of Columbus councils have spent nearly \$7.5 million, with just over \$7.5 million provided by the Supreme Council. The total value of the ultrasound machines provided thus far is nearly \$26 million. The initiative continues to expand and adapt to changing needs. For example, in recent years there has been a rise in the use of mobile ultrasound machines that can serve a number of communities.

Council Participates in 42nd Annual March for Life



Brother Dana Perry, his wife Chris, Elsie Bergamini, and Marilyn Goldhammer represented our Council with other parishioners from St. Patrick’s, St. Peter’s, and St. Mary’s churches

in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on THU/JAN/22. St. Patrick’s provided a bus; it was full. Our Council contributed \$100 toward the \$850 bus’ cost. Riders donated \$230 more and an anonymous donor contributed \$150.



Attendees heard Supreme Knight Carl Anderson’s stirring speech advocating life on the main stage, on the mall before the march. The enthusiasm among the participants was contagious and the number of young marchers was awe-inspiring! The march was led by an entire high school contingent from North Dakota who came to D.C. in eight buses.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD AND NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES

Paul D. McFarlane, PGK, Food for Families Chairman

Please buy and bring any of the items listed below to any Council event as 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 “*SELL BY*” DATES ON ALL ITEMS.

2015 COUNCIL DUES

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary



Watch your mail for your 2015 council dues statement. The dues remain at \$45 this calendar year. There is a Culture of Life assessment of one dollar from the Supreme Council on the council that is passed along to the membership on an “optional” basis. There’s also an “optional” assessment of \$8 per calendar year to help defray the council cost of buying patron ads supporting four MD State Council KofC events for the calendar year.

New this year, the council recommends you pay your council dues and assessments using a credit or debit card that is accessible on the council website (www.kofc6793.org). Please use the proper “dues payment” button on the front page of the website. Of course, you can continue to pay your dues statement and optional assessments using checks and/or cash. Please maintain your excellent dues payment record by whichever method of payment you choose.

Our Council's 39th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day 2015 (Jointly Sponsored with Olney Lions Club)



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2015

8:00AM to 2:00PM

St. John's Episcopal Church Hall (Olney)
Olney-Laytonsville Road (Rt. 108, across from the Olney Library)



Your participation benefits The Lions Club's "*Community Activities Fund*" and our Council's "*College Scholarship Fund*"



Volunteer 7-11AM or 11AM-3PM -- It's family fun!



Purchase a "Business or Patron ad" and get two complimentary tickets!

- Pricing and Ad Sizes: 1/8 page (Business Card Size)..... \$30.00
1/4 page, 3 1/4" X 3 1/2".....\$60.00
1/2 page, 6 1/2" X 3 1/2".....\$95.00
Full Page, 6 1/2" X 7 3/4".....\$150.00
- All media must be camera ready by no later than February 11th.
- All Advertisers receive complimentary tickets (2-4). If additional tickets are needed, the following charge will apply: Adults \$9.00, Seniors \$8.00, and Children 5-12, \$5.00 Children under 5 are FREE! A \$28.00 primary family MAX charge applies this year.
- Use the "Donation" button on the Council Website (www.kofc6793.org) for credit card purchase or Checks payable to Fr. Maher Council 6793 when submitting Ad copy by email (see below).

Contact Chris Romano on 240-731-9478 or email: cjromano1066@gmail.com
to purchase an ad and/or volunteer to work the Pancake & Sausage Day.



☞ SAT/FEB/21 is our Council's 39th Annual Pancake and Sausage Day! See flyer in this newsletter for details. Please contact Christopher Romano to purchase an ad in the program booklet and/or to volunteer at the event.

☞ MON/MAR/09 is this year's Maryland March for Life in Annapolis. For details, visit: <http://www.mdmarchforlife.org/>

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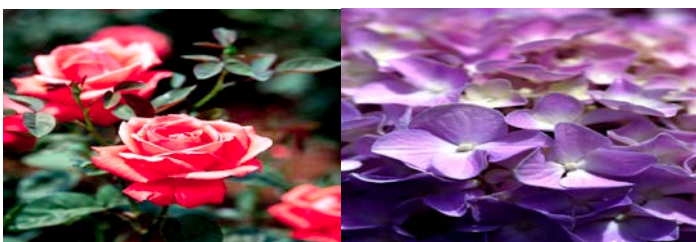


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- FEB 02 MON **7AM** is the start time to book hotel reservations for the 117th MD State Convention in OC, MD!
FEB 04 WED **Executive Meeting, 7:30PM St. Patrick's Parish Center (New room upstairs, follow signs!)**
FEB 10 TUE Session for Prospective Members, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
FEB 11 WED **Business Meeting**, OLG Classroom #114 ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.
FEB 14 SAT St. Valentine's Day ♥ ♥
FEB 16 MON Presidents Day
FEB 18 WED Ash Wednesday ~ Lent Begins
FEB 19 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM
FEB 21 SAT 39th Annual Pancake and Sausage Day at St. John's Episcopal School Hall. See flyer for details.
This date is also the COMBINED Council and District Level-Basketball Free Throw Events at Mother of God School, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg (1-3PM)
FEB 25 WED **Council Social** OLG Classroom #114 @ 7:30PM – Come to Pray, Share, Reflect & Enjoy Fellowship on this evening, which will be led by Council Associate Chaplain Deacon Tom Cioffi
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- MAR 04 WED **Executive Meeting, 7:30PM St. Patrick's Parish Center (New room upstairs, follow signs!)**
MAR 08 SUN Daylight Savings Time Begins (Set clocks ahead/forward 1 hour.)
MAR 09 MON Maryland March for Life, Annapolis, MD [<http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org/>]
MAR 10 TUE Session for Prospective Members, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
MAR 11 WED **Business Meeting**, OLG Classroom #114 ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.
MAR 12 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting** at Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM
MAR 17 TUE Saint Patrick's Day ♣ ♣ ♣
MAR 25 WED First Degree at OLG, Room #114 - Candidates should arrive at 7PM
MAR 29 SUN Palm Sunday

For more information or to participate in any Council events, call GK Joseph Feakes on 301-774-0137.

- **Council Calendar:** View it at: www.KofC6793.org (Select “*Event Calendar*” at the left and the current month’s calendar will be displayed.) You can scroll forward to view events in the upcoming months.) **Minutes of our monthly Business Meetings** are posted on the Council’s 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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