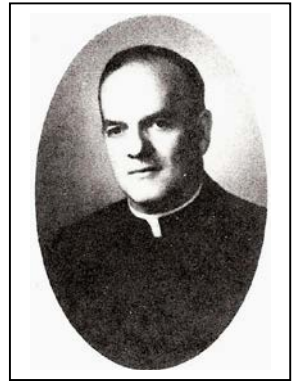


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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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



Dear Knights and Ladies:

We have entered the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany seasons when we anticipate the birth, and celebrate the coming, of our Savior as Word Made Flesh and Light of the World.

As we give thanks to the Father for the gift of His Son, may we reflect His generosity by our gifts of love, mercy and service. May God bless each of you with hope and peace.

Sincerely in Christ, Monsignor Essex

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)
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There is no greater treasure than a good friend!

December is a particularly busy month in the Fraternal Year for our Council. Please see the announcements for all of our festive Council activities for this month and put your faith in action by getting involved to help make them successful. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Marilyn and I, along with DW Joe and Susan, wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Rewarding New Year!



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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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

Elaine and I hope each of you had a happy Thanksgiving and wish all a blessed, peaceful, and Holy Christmas holiday season. We are now in the Advent Season, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. During this time, we not only anticipate the anniversary of our Lord's birth on Christmas, but we also prepare for Christ's second coming.

Our Memorial Mass, organized by Kevin Kennedy, was again supported by our Brother Sir Knights from the Sullivan Brothers Color Corps. The Mass was followed by a sumptuous lunch in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Grace. The venue was convenient, easily accessible and in a welcoming and comfortable environment. We also enjoyed our Dinner at the Tavern. We intended to award a stole to our Chaplin, Monsignor Essex, at the Dinner event, but he was unable to attend. Undaunted, we made our presentation on the following Sunday in our meeting room during our Spaghetti Dinner. We wanted express our gratitude and to recognize all that the Monsignor does for each of us, in a personal way and for our Council.

Our fundraising Dinner in support of our Seminarians at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center was an extraordinary success. An Italian dinner was enjoyed by all and we were reminded what a great chef we have in Joe Krempasky. We also had an outstanding encore performance at St. Peter's Parish Center with the annual Breakfast with St. Nick. The breakfast was well attended as usual and the Arts and Crafts were creative and beautiful.

Elaine and I hope to see you at the Night at the Olney Theater on December 9th. Tickets went quickly this year indicating the strong support this event now enjoys. Joe and Lynn Feakes are organizing a spectacular reception before the show and at intermission. We will be caroling at Montgomery General Council on the evening of December 21st. Those who wish to participate should gather at 6:45 in the Hospital Lobby. Address any questions to Steve Goldhammer.


Our annual Christmas Party is in full preparation and is being led again by Steve Sutkowski. The party will feature all of the activities we enjoyed last year and will be on Sunday, December 18th at 2pm in the Parish Hall at our Lady of Grace Church. Jack Giacalone is leading the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at our schools this year. Winners will be acknowledged at our Christmas Party. We continue to have an anonymous pledge from a generous Brother Knight to match contributions to the Seminarian fund up to \$1,000. Consider making a donation to support our Seminarians. Awards will be made at our Christmas Party.

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.


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If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70.

Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members? Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you. See my contact information above.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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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.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



AWESOME CHRISTMAS EVENTS LINGER

St. Patrick's Leisure Club's Christmas luncheon Wednesday December 7th will begin at 11:15AM by Father Early leading us with the Rosary followed by a Mass, a catered luncheon, and ending with Bingo. For luncheon reservations, call Vincent Pistolessi 301-871-8334.

It is easy to get into the Christmas spirit when you support St. Patrick's annual Christmas "Shoebbox Gifts." This year's shoebbox guidelines have changed. Shoebboxes should contain basic men's and women's winter supplies and toiletries, plus an array of other items. All will be collected and distributed to SOME (So Others May Eat) from our church ushers' room Sunday December 11th. For additional information, contact Mary Ann Bruce (301) 460-5378 or StPatShoebax@verizon.net

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



YOUTH MINISTRY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Let's ignite our Christmas Spirit on December 2nd and 3rd by donating to St. Peter's Youth Ministry's Christmas Bazaar. All donations (new items only) must be taken to the Parish Office no later than Monday November 28th. For further information, contact Dawn Green (301) 570-8125 or dawn.green@stpeterolsonley.org.

Volunteers are greatly needed for the Bazaar. Also on December 3rd is the "Breakfast with St. Nick", however, it will be manned by the Knights of Columbus.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities

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MARY POPPINS PERFORMANCE OLNEY THEATRE CENTER FRI/DEC/09 at 7PM

Our center balcony tickets for the Olney Theatre Center performance of Mary Poppins are all sold! Lucky ticket-holders will enjoy a private pre-show reception and an inter-mission snack! Lynn and I look forward to seeing you there!

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
John Feldmann	Council Member
Ron Kiss	Council Member
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Innocent D'Almedia	Council member
Carl Norwood	Friend/Joe Krempasky
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
Philip Wiltz	Brother/Ellsworth Wiltz
Charles Wiltz	Brother/Ellsworth Wiltz
Danny Fluhart	Friend/Ron Herberg
Barbara Campanero	Friend/Don Hemke
Bill Gulbin	Council Member
Maura Shaffer	Spouse/Ed Shaffer
Mrs. Heinie	Friend/Mike Ivan

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

COUNCIL NEWS

SK Joseph Krempasky, Chairman, Council Activities
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Help Needed After St. Peter's Christmas Masses

St. Peter's has again asked us to help distribute Matthew Kelly books after each Christmas Mass this year. We need only 10 minutes of your time after Mass. Please contact Don Hemke (gumpermd@verizon.net or Cell: 301-919-4470) for questions or to volunteer.

See Christmas Mass Schedule below:

24 Dec (Sat) 6:30PM (Gospel Drama)
24 Dec (Sat) 9PM
24 Dec (Sat) 11PM Vigil
25 Dec (Sun) 8AM
25 Dec (Sun) 10AM
25 Dec (Sun) 12Noon

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY-SUN/DEC/18

Our Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 18 (2-5PM) at Our Lady of Grace Parish Dining Hall. See attached flyer for details.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Membership
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JOIN THIS \$1,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE



Again this year, an anonymous Council Brother offers to "Match your donations to our Seminarians' Fund up to \$1,000!" This most generous challenge is effective through May 1, 2017. Please 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 you can make your donations via [our PayPal account](#) (remember to specify the purpose of the donation - 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."

MEMORIAL MASS

On Saturday November 5, 2016, we celebrated our Memorial Mass remembering our deceased Brothers. Monsignor Essex and Deacon Tom Cioffi celebrated the Mass, and the 4th Degree Color Corps escorted the widows and celebrants. Roses were presented to the widows, who during the Mass presented a bouquet of flowers to the Blessed Mother, and carried the Gifts to the altar.

A luncheon was held in the Parish Center for the widows and members who were in attendance. I wish to thank all who attended, the Color Corps, and individually GK Fred Taylor, DGK Fred Whitman, and Warden Steve Fontaine, for their assistance with the ceremonies and luncheon.

Kevin J. Kennedy Chancellor

COMMUNITY NEWS

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

27th Year of Christmas Caroling - WED/DEC/21

I would like to thank all of our members and the participating wives for their tremendous help in making the Inwood House Halloween Party a success! I understand we had one of the largest turnouts from the residents and their guests and a great time was had by all!

On December 18, 2016 at Our Lady of Grace church, we will be celebrating our annual Christmas Party from 2PM to 5PM. We have a large agenda of activities targeting all ages, with a number of events introduced at last year's party. Please see the flyer within this newsletter for additional information. We are hoping for a good crowd this year, so please contact me at 301-890-9308 or 301-580-5820 to let me know if you can attend and how many guests you would like to bring by December 10, 2016. Hope to see you there.

Finally, you are invited to join your fellow Knight families on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:45PM in the lobby of Montgomery General Hospital. We have songbooks and music; just bring your happy faces and voices as we stroll about the hospital, bringing some Christmas cheer to the patients and staff! Please support this worthy activity for the patients of Montgomery General Hospital.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

SK Stephen Goldhammer, Chairman, Culture of Life
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Victory in Baltimore for Pregnancy Care Centers:

After a five-year legal battle against the city of Baltimore, U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis issued a summary judgement overturning an ordinance requiring crisis pregnancy centers to post signs telling clients they do not provide or refer for surgical or medical abortions. The suit, brought by the Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns, is a significant Frist Amendment victory over government trying to enforce "compelled speech" ordinances, requiring pregnancy care centers to post signs or otherwise convey a message that opposes their deep-seated views. The city can appeal the ruling.

In a similar targeting law, a U.S. District Judge ruled in 1993 that Montgomery County could not enforce a law requiring Centro Tepeyac's Silver Spring Women's Center to post signs telling women it had no licensed medical practitioner on staff. The County paid \$375,000 in damages, attorney fees and court costs.

40 Days for Life: On October 31, the 34th day of the fall campaign which began on September 28, the 40 Days for Life staff reports that 527 mothers have decided against abortion and chosen life for their babies. What a great outcome, and the campaign continues.

Here are some of the things that happened during the Fall 40 Days campaign in Germantown:

- 18 SAVES (13 were late term)
- Two workers left the clinic
- A woman has filed a lawsuit against Carhart (could cost him money and his license)
- On October the 15th baby Adrian was born. His mother came to the clinic during the Spring 40 Days campaign, did not abort and delivered him during the Fall 40 Days campaign.

Another MD Late-Term Abortionist Loses His Medical License

The Maryland Board of Physicians has revoked the medical license of late-term abortionist Harold O. Alexander, effective November 4, 2016. The revocation stemmed from a complaint that Alexander had breached the standard of patient care in his treatment of a woman, who went to his Integrated Ob/Gyn abortion facility in Forestville for an abortion at 28 weeks into her pregnancy in February 2014. Although Alexander determined that her baby was already dead when she arrived at his facility, he conducted an abortion procedure for which he would be paid, rather than

referring her to a hospital for an obstetrical delivery. The Board said it had no confidence that Alexander possesses the ability to practice medicine safely, especially since he was on probation at the time and that the previous disciplinary action failed to reform his behavior. The Board acknowledged that Alexander's office: was not licensed as an abortion facility; had no surgical equipment in the event a surgical procedure was required; employed no licensed assistants; had no hospital privileges or hospital transfer agreement; and conducted abortions in the middle of the night, indicating that he was attempting to operate under the radar.

Sun. Dec. 4 - Witness for Life: Mass & Procession - 12:30pm
Mass at Mother Seton Parish (Germantown) followed by Rosary Procession to nearby abortion site. 6 years of late term abortion & over 5,100 preborn babies have been aborted at this one site. Please join our Bishops & faithful in prayer & witness for life.

Sat. Dec. 10 - Entering Canaan, Day of Prayer & Healing.

Women with unresolved feelings about an abortion experience may contact Rebecca Baehrend on 301-982-2008 or at HOPE@adw.org. All contact is confidential.

Weekly Prayer Vigils for Life continue on Mondays, 8-10am in Germantown (Wisteria Dr. & Exec. Park Circle), Saturdays, 9-11am in Silver Spring (Spring St. & 1st Ave.) & Saturdays 8-9am in Rockville (966 Hungerford Dr.) at local abortion sites.

Pregnancy Assistance: Gabriel Project Cluster at 301-946-4815. (New volunteers are always welcomed.)

Reminder: Will your council be at the annual March for Life, scheduled for January 27, 2017 on the Washington Mall? For more information, go to marchforlife.org. And do not forget the Maryland March for Life, scheduled in Annapolis on March 13, 2017; Dr. Alveda King will be the featured speaker.

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

The Holy Family Prayer Program began August 5 at the 132rd Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, PA. It features an image of the Holy Family. (See photo below.) Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction received several Holy Family images to be used as the centerpiece of prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the program.



The Holy Family Prayer Program is the 17th Marian Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, beginning with the first program – honoring Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe - in 1979. In preparation for the 1982 Centennial of the Order, the second prayer program was initiated, which highlighted the Holy Family. Since then, the Blessed Mother has been honored by her Knights under her titles of Our Lady of

Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Charity.

These Orderwide programs of Marian Prayer have since gathered together more than 16 million people at some 140,000 prayer services conducted at local councils and parishes. Please consider reciting the prayer below as your part to honor the Holy Family.

Heavenly Father: Thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live.

May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. *Amen.*

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



MARYLAND KNIGHTS ON BIKES

A Catholic Motorcycle Ministry

Knights on Bikes (KonB) is an international organizational and ministry consisting of members of the Knights of Columbus who are in good standing and are motorcycle riders. The KonB ministry is established in 40 different State Chapters and in Canada as the Canadian KonB. The US World Wide Headquarters is located in Fort Worth, TX and was founded in April 2005 by Sir Knights Raymond C. Medina and Willie C. Davidson.



Members of KonB proudly wear a vest that clearly promotes the Knights of Columbus. Knights on Bikes improve the "Biker" image, promoting safety and Christian values. The

Maryland State Chapter of KonB is comprised of different councils within the Maryland Archdiocese. Each diocese has its own President who is responsible for organizing the many activities, Charity Fund Rides, Pass the Helmet Campaign for people with intellectual disabilities, bike blessings and parades.

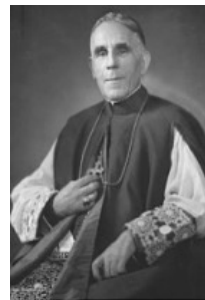
Each Motorcycle Ministry functions as a component of a council's Family Activity Program. Councils can request KonB participation in their activities. Please contact the Maryland State President of Knights on Bikes, Michael Davenport, Sr. on 301-523-7374 for additional participation information or to learn how to become a member.

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. Upcoming Event:

EVENT: Chapter Christmas Party
DATE: WED/DEC/14 **TIME:** 8PM
PLACE: Fr. Michael C. Kidd, Council #14455
12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD

YOUTH NEWS

DGK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Once again, the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council is holding its annual "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest." We are reaching out to notify eligible children in grades K through 8 who may want to participate. A flyer describing the contest rules may be found on our Council's website [www.kofc6793.org].

This flyer has been sent to St. Peter's day school and SOR and to St. Patrick's day school and Religious Education program for distribution to their students. If you're aware of anyone who might want to participate please print and provide them with the flyer. This message and the flyer are posted to our website. Contact **SK Jack Giacalone** on 240-461-3707 or at Jgiacal@verizon.net with any questions. And thanks for your support!

**Knights of Columbus
Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793**

Annual Family Christmas Party



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016 (2-5 PM)

**Our Lady of Grace Parish Dining Hall - 15663 Norbeck Boulevard
Each family is asked to bring a main dish *or* side dish for 10.**

Council will provide beverages and desserts.

- *Christmas Music *Great Food*
- *Christmas Raffle Drawing*
- *Introduction of Seminarians*
- *Recognition of Christmas Poster Winners*
- *A Special Visitor Presentation with Santa and more!*
- “Chinese Auction/Yankee Swap” Gift Exchange***

Please contact Steve Sutkowski (301-890-9308), SSutko9208@aol.com

No later than December 10th!

Tell us the number of people in your group and ages of any children you'll be bringing.



- * **SUN/DEC/18/2016 – Family Christmas Party at Our Lady of Grace Parish Dining Hall (See attached flyer).**
- * **Help needed at St. Peter’s after Christmas Masses. See article and contact Don Hemke (301-919-4470) to volunteer.**
- * **FRI/JAN/27/2017 - Annual March for Life on the Washington Mall**

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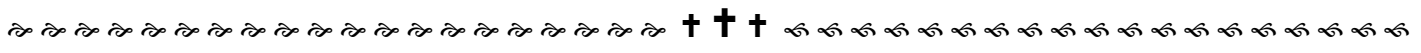
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**"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord!" Luke 2:1-20**

- DEC 03 SAT Breakfast with Saint Nick, 8:30AM to 12 Noon, Saint Peter's Parish Center
- DEC 07 WED Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- DEC 09 FRI Council Night at Olney Theatre "Mary Poppins" Reception at 7PM - Show begins at 8PM
- DEC 10 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.
- DEC 14 WED Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- DEC 15 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- DEC 18 SUN Council Christmas Party – See attached flyer for details.
- DEC 21 WED Caroling at Montgomery General Hospital Lobby at 6:30PM, Caroling 7-8PM
- Christmas Masses at St. Peter's** – Please contact Don Hemke (301-919-4470) to volunteer at/after these masses!
- DEC 25 SUN Christmas Day
- DEC 28 WED Council Social** – Canceled due to Christmas holiday



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- JAN 19 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- JAN 28 WED Council Social** – Details forthcoming

► **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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