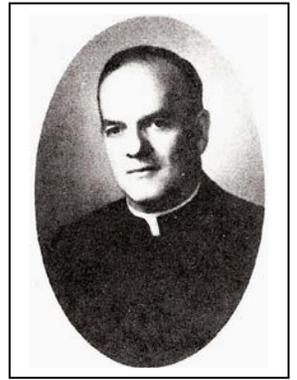


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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Martino Choi, Parochial Vicar
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Dear Brother Knights,

It's amazing how early we start to see Christmas decorations go up, Christmas sales begin, Christmas music start playing on the radio. In one way, it's great to see an excitement for Christmas, even if it might be somewhat superficial. At the same time, we want to remember to truly prepare – and not only for December 25!

During Advent, we look forward not only to the celebration of Christmas but also to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We certainly want to prepare ourselves to celebrate worthily and joyfully the anniversary of Christ's First Coming into the world in the flesh, but we also want to be mindful of His Second Coming, when He will come to judge the living and the dead. This is one reason that, as we approach Advent, the readings at Mass focus on the theme of preparedness, watchfulness.

This Advent, as we're making our way through our shopping lists and preparing for the Christmas dinners, let's also make sure to intensify our spiritual and sacramental life so that we may truly celebrate the First Coming of Jesus and prepare for His Second Coming!

In Christ,
Fr. Martino Choi

Motto: "Lord, direct our actions to fulfill Your will."

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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December 9 - St. Peter
December 25 - Birth of our Lord
December 25 - St. Eugenia

The month of December marks the mid-point of our fraternal year, and of course the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a time for joy and happiness, gifts and good food, and let us not forget "Miracle on 34th Street."

But, of course, for many this time is not the happiest time of the year. Unemployment is still high. Food lines are still long. And, Christianity is under constant attack both here and abroad. We must remember that not only are we fashioned in His image, but as Christians we have been given the capacity to love. All the good that has been done for us has been done through love. So, during this month of celebration, let us not forget the less fortunate, and open our hearts. Remember SOME and the Christmas gift baskets.

After many years of effort, the abortion clinics in Germantown and in Prince George's County have been purchased by the Pro-Life movement, and are closed. But, our work is not finished. Abortionist, LeRoy Carhart has vowed to come back, and he has. On October 17, Carhart opened an abortion clinic in Bethesda's Wildwood Shopping Center. Because of the local legal protest at the clinic, Carhart decided to remain closed until October 24. Please continue to pray for the unborn.

The Olney Theater's rendition of the play "Annie" was terrific, and was the perfect lead in to the Christmas season. Special thanks to Joe, Lynn Feakes, and family for organizing this event, and providing the wonderful food and refreshments.

Our event calendar is rather full again this month. Please check your newsletter calendar for: Caroling at Medstar Montgomery, the Council Christmas Party, and Breakfast with St. Nick.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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Well, I think winter is on the way. Sure it is getting colder. At least when Fall has fallen, we won't have to rake leaves any longer.

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I bet nobody ate too much, right?

Our December social meeting is cancelled due to Christmas.

Christmas is the time to celebrate our Saviors birth. Let's be sure to spread the joy of His birth with everyone we meet.

On November 14, Brother Knight Bill Gulban celebrated his 90th birthday. Several Knights, along with friends and Bill's three daughters, surprised Bill with a birthday party at his Aspenwood residence. And he was surprised. We joined Bill for lunch, sang happy birthday and enjoyed birthday cake that was graciously provided by Bob and Barbara Mazonkey. It was good to see Bill in such good spirits.



Our Council Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers was held at Our Lady of Grace on Saturday, November 18. Several widows of our Brother Knights were in attendance. A buffet lunch in the parish center followed the Mass. A special GK "Thanks" to Chris Romano and Kevin Kennedy for making this mass happen.

Our Pro-Life Mass was held at Our Lady of Grace on November 19. Dr. Grace Morrison spoke to us about the abortion clinic that was operated by LeRoy Carhart in Germantown and now his new clinic in Bethesda.

Demonstrations at the new clinic are held on Mondays. Join this group of pro-life demonstrators if you can spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning starting at 9AM.

The Right to Life March is January 19, 2018. Mark your calendar and join the event. 11:30AM is the musical opening. 12noon is the rally program that takes place on the ground of the Washington Monument, near the corner of 15th St. and Constitution Ave. NW. Following the rally, the march will begin on Constitution Ave. between 15th and 17th St. NW at approximately 1pm.

Our new shed project will start construction as soon as our revised plans are approved by Montgomery County. Thanks to Joe Krempasky for spear-heading this project over the past year.

We have several Council activities coming up in December and January. Please read about them in this newsletter, check the calendar on the back of the newsletter, and make plans to participate.

Visit our website at www.kofc6793.org or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/ to stay informed of our future activities. Attend our business meetings and read our Newsletter to find activities that interest you and join in. Become a more active Brother Knight and support our Council activities.

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Can you believe it is December, already? I am sure many of you are busy shopping for your loved ones and filling in dates on your calendar with Christmas parties and family gatherings. What a busy time of the year it is!

Have you ever thought about Life Insurance as a gift? That gift that provides peace of mind.

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

I wish each and every one of you and your families a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



The generosity of St. Patrick's parishioners continues to make our annual delivery to the **SOME (So Others Might Eat) Shoebox collection**. Shoeboxes containing basic winter supplies and toiletries will be collected at church on Sunday,

December 10. Until December 10, you can drop off your donation in the usher's room of the church. For more information and for a list of needed shoebox items, please contact Steve or Mary Ann Bruce at 301-460-5378 or StPatShoebox@verizon.net.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Website: <http://ourladyofgracelw.weebly.com/>

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Come celebrate Christmas with **St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Grace Leisure Club**, a blended community of seniors. The catered Christmas luncheon will cost \$16.00 and it will be held at Our Lady of Grace on Thursday, December 14. Father Early will celebrate Mass at 11:00 AM. followed by rosary and then lunch at noon. The sign-up deadline is Friday, December 8. For more information, call Vince Pistolessi, 301-871-3334.

Give the gift of Christmas. Gift tags will be available after all the Masses over the next few weeks. The gifts donated will go to children from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington, DC. Each gift must be wrapped (with the tag securely affixed to the package) and placed under the tree by Sunday, December 17.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



For 23 years, Saint Peter's Parish has participated in **Project Angel Tree**, a national program that provides gifts to children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. This year, we will again serve the children in the Danville, Virginia area, which has great material need. Because of the distance, we will be sending only gift cards to a local church for distribution. Please attach the red angel cut-out to your gift card donation and place in the specially marked boxes located in the colonnades before the 6PM mass on Sunday, December 10.

We are not collecting toys and clothing for the Angel Tree recipients, **but we will collect these items for our local children as well as gift cards.** Attach the green Christmas tree cut-out to your gift and place in the manger in the west colonnade aisle. Please return all gifts before the 6PM mass on Sunday, December 10.

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
Bill Gulban	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Catherine Heine	Neighbor/ Mike Ivan
Jeff Kollins	Son/Bill Kollins
William Kuchmas	Past State Deputy
Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/Innocent D'Almeida
Elaine Taylor	Wife/ Fred Taylor
John Whitman	Brother-in-law/ Fred Taylor
Kate Ennis	Sister-in-law/ Chris Romano
Sherry Colliton	Sister/ Andy Colliton
Susan Cadigan	Sister/ Deacon Jim Cadigan
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Victims of the shootings in Texas and Las Vegas	10-1-2017

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

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities
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THANK YOU

To our friends at Peter Paul Maher Council, thank you for your love and support for Doug and Ann during Ann's illness. The outpouring of love for Doug and our family at the funeral was overwhelming. May God bless you all during this holiday season.

The Ketter family

COMMUNITY NEWS

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COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Council Christmas Party will be at Our Lady of Grace at 2PM on December 17. Among several activities will be the recognition of our supported Seminarians and a welcome to others in the service of the Catholic faith attending the event.

We will be providing awards to the winners of our Christ in Christmas Poster competition, having a great pot luck dinner provided by our members, and also be conducting our raffles.

We will also have a Christmas carol sing-along, and what we call a "Yankee Swap" where attendees can provide a wrapped gift valued at \$10-\$15 and either take a gift from a table or "steal" from someone else (all in good fun of course). Other activities are also scheduled. Please make this a must event on your schedules.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

28th Year of Christmas Caroling - WED/DEC/20

Once again, Steve Goldhammer will be heading up our Christmas caroling at the Montgomery General Medstar Hospital in Olney this year scheduled for the evening of December 20. We'll meet in the lobby, as usual, at 6:45PM. Please consider lending your voices to this very worthy and fun experience.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Homer Chen, Chairman, Membership
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Recruitment of new members is not the job of the Chairman only. It is a joint effort of every member. As a member, you can invite your friends at Church, at work and your family members. The requirements are simple. The prospect must be a man, a Catholic and 18 years or older. Your ladies can be your great help to recruit. Try working with your ladies. The result could be surprisingly successful.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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COUNCIL PRO-LIFE MASS

On November 19, the Council held its annual Pro-Life Mass at Our Lady of Grace. We are thankful to Dr. Grace Morrison, who spoke to us about the abortion clinic that was operated by LeRoy Carhart in Germantown and now his new clinic in Bethesda.



Rev Fr Jim Baccabella, Dr. Grace Morrison, and Fred Whitman GK at the Council's Pro-life Mass

COUNCIL NEWS

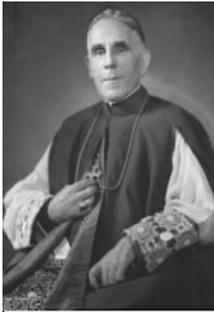
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YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Our Council needs more volunteers to help us run our various activities. To find out how you can help and sign up, please contact DGK Steve Sutkowski, 301-580-5820.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963
[Website: <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1617/mcnamara.asp>]
McNamara Chapter Marshall – Jack Giacalone



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. It's a great place to share and learn ideas for your council to participate in!

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



2018 SUPREME CONVENTION

The 2018 Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD from August 6 to 9. We are beginning to recruit volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success.

The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their families to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties and support opportunities throughout the convention.

Please take a few minutes to review, complete and submit the volunteer information sheet, which is available online at [http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer Information Sheet 2018 BaltimoreConvention.pdf](http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer%20Information%20Sheet%202018%20BaltimoreConvention.pdf).

We will communicate plans and schedules, via email, with our volunteers as we get closer to the convention. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Giacalone, Volunteer Coordinator at 301-774-6338 or email: jgiacal@verizon.net.

SUPREME NEWS

[WEBSITE: <http://www.kofc.org>]
Source: K of C Supreme Website

PRAYER AND FRATERNITY

Tragedies such as the recent church shooting in Texas reinforce the need to persevere in prayer, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore told the assembled participants for the Midyear Meeting of State Deputies at the opening Mass on Saturday morning, November 18.

“In his wisdom, God knows when to answer our prayers according to our wishes and when to answer our prayers in ways that go beyond our ability to understand. When we are afflicted and God does not seem to answer our prayers, we do well humbly to admit that we may not know what to pray for but let us also be consoled by the thought that God never forgets us,” the archbishop said during his homily.

He explained that when we patiently and lovingly endure evils and sufferings, we can be sure that God is preparing greater blessings than the relief we've asked for. In the end, his power shines forth more perfectly in our weakness.

“So whether we are praying for holiness or wisdom or for our daily bread, or to be delivered from evils great and small, let us remember the ultimate aim of prayer: namely, that with hearts purified of all sin and evil, we might contemplate the Lord's glory and goodness forever in heaven,” he said.

Read Archbishop William Lori's Homily - <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/other/lori-homily.pdf>.

YOUTH NEWS

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ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is underway. Thanks to Jack Giacalone for his efforts in chairing this contest with St. Peter's and St. Patrick's schools.

The seventh graders at St. Patrick's school completed their essay for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The Council will now choose a winner from the three best essays submitted by the school. The winner receives a scholarship award and a plaque commemorating the achievement. The scholarship and plaque will be presented at the school's year-end awards ceremony in June.

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Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793**

Annual Family Christmas Party



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 (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*

“Chinese Auction/Yankee Swap” Gift Exchange

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

No later than December 9th!

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



▶ **December 17, SUN – Council Christmas Party at Our Lady of Grace, starting at 2pm**

▶ **December 20, WED – Annual Christmas Caroling event at Montgomery General Hospital, 6:45PM. Meet in the Lobby. Contact Steve Goldhammer, E-mail: SEGoldhamm@aol.com ~ Phone: 301-570-9613**

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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 02 SAT Council cooking for Breakfast with St. Nick, Fr. Treacy Center, St Peter’s Church, seating at 8AM and 10:30AM
- DEC 04 MON Knights with trucks - deliver Christmas Shoe Boxes to SOME. Report – 9AM at St. Peters Church
- DEC 06 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick’s Parish Center**
- DEC 10 SUN Second Sunday, 7PM Mass at St. Patrick’s Church - Ushers needed: Call Jim Street, 301-717-2667
- DEC 13 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**
- DEC 17 SUN Council Christmas Party, Raffle, Seminarian Awards, Pot-Luck Dinner, and Poster Contest Awards, Our Lady of Grace, 2PM
- DEC 20 WED Annual Christmas Caroling at Montgomery General Hospital 6:45PM
- DEC 25 MON CHRISTMAS DAY**
- DEC 27 WED Council social meeting cancelled due to Christmas



- JAN 03 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick’s Parish Center**
- JAN 10 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**
- JAN 14 SUN Second Sunday, 7PM Mass at St. Patrick’s Church - Ushers needed: Call Jim Street, 301-717-2667
- JAN 19 FRI March for Life, Washington, DC, march scheduled to start 1:00PM
- JAN 24 WED Council Social Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World

► **For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred L. Whitman on 240-550-1007.**

► **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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