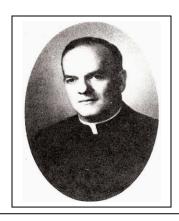
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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight
[E-mail: <u>Jgiacal@verizon.net</u> ~ Phone: 301-774-6338]



My Brother Knights and ladies, well here we are again half way thru this fraternal year and so much more to come in the next 5 months. We have a busy second half and I am asking for your support to help make these programs successful and to get better participation from our members. Support for our programs can take on many forms from brain storming a project to attending and enjoying the event with your family, and everything in between. Unfortunately we have been losing ground in this regard.

We believe that we are presenting quality programs to be enjoyed by all. We publicize them well in advance, via newsletter, website or in some cases robo call, Facebook and parish bulletins. But yet attendance is less than expected and the faces in attendance are the "usual suspects." I clearly understand the pressures of today's family life, trying to juggle the job, the kids, and all the things they are involved in, and the Knights of Columbus.

With that said I still believe there is time during the fraternal year for each of you to be involved in at least one program. So I am asking you to read the newsletter and go on to our web site and see if there is a program you can embrace and along with your family participate in it any way you choose. Remember we are only asking for 24 hours a year:

- Six hours a year at council sponsored church, community, council, culture of life, family or youth project, of your choosing.
- Four hours a year attending four council meetings.
- Four hours a year enjoying (with the entire family) a

2013 – 2014 Motto: Come Grow With Us!

- council social function, spaghetti dinner, council picnic, communion breakfast etc.
- Four hours a year volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities, (Tootsie Roll Drive) Soccer Shoot Out, or similar event. See monthly newsletter for details or please visit our web site at www.kofc6793.org
- Four hours a year attending, with your family, Communion Breakfast or Rosary prayer service.
- Two hours a year reading council bulletins, council and Supreme web sites.

Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Firestone, District Deputy #30
[E-mail: tf6687@aol.com ~ Phone: 240-753-5200]



O-P-P! O-P-P! O-P-P! One new member, Per council, Per month!

38th ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE EVENT



Saturday, February 22, 2014 at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall is our 38th Annual Pancake & Sausage Event! This event has been held since our Council's Institution in 1976!

Volunteers are needed! See attached flyer for details.

BISHOP M^cNAMARA CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963



Next meeting is Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Dundalk Council #2942- Baltimore Chapter Anniversary Luncheon at 1:00 PM -- 2111 Eilers Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222 Chapter website: http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore/

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR



The Knights of Columbus recorded its 13th consecutive year of growth in insurance sales with nearly \$8.2 billion in new life insurance sold. The record sales are part of the organization's impressive 89 percent growth in business since 2003.

The Knights logged \$72 billion in new insurance over the last 10 years, making for an annual growth rate in new policies of 4.6 percent despite recession and slow economic recovery during the second half of that period. With nearly 93,000 new contracts issued in all lines of business in 2013, the K of C now has nearly 2 million contracts in force. "In 132 years of operation, the Knights of Columbus has helped meet the spiritual and financial needs of Catholic families while also serving the community through charitable works," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We are pleased to have had great success on both of these fronts, which comes from our continued commitment to our founding mission of serving our neighbor consistent with Catholic social teaching." Supreme Knight Anderson explained that record-breaking insurance results mean that the K of C has "...helped its members to protect their families while simultaneously enabling the Knights to support those most in need and the many works of the Catholic Church." The Knights enjoys a stalwart reputation for financial security, has one of the lowest lapse rates in the industry and offers a product line designed to provide life insurance, annuities, disability income and long-term care policies to meet the needs of Catholic families.

For 38 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned an A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best Company for its financial stability, and there is no more highly rated life insurer in North America. The organization is also at an all-time high in its number of agents, with more than 1,500 in service within the United States and Canada.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD AND NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES

Paul D. McFarlane, PGK, Food for Families Chairman



Please buy any of the items below and <u>bring them to any Council meeting or function</u>.

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, Vienna Sausage, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew - Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk - Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) - Ramen Noodles, etc.

PLEASE CHECK "SELL BY" DATES ON ALL ITEMS.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Steve Goldhammer, PGK, Membership Director



Greetings to my recruiting team! Each member of the Council is on my team. Unfortunately, our First Degree Ceremony on 22 January was canceled due to the snow and bone-chilling cold weather. We would have welcomed two new members at that ceremony and there was one other candidate who wasn't able to attend. That would have brought our count of new members to eight for this year. Also, we have four other prospects that are interested. Please continue your efforts to reach our goal for this year. We can still do it!

The January issue of 'Knightline' has an excellent article on Making a Good First Impression with Prospective Members. It begins by saying that "First impressions are lasting ones. The first impression a prospect gets from a recruiter could be the difference between him becoming a Knight or declining to join." If you already know someone whom you think fits the description of a Knight, you're ahead of the game. A friendly and positive attitude about the Knights also goes a long way. All you have to do is mention that you're a Knight and invite him to attend our monthly information session with you on the second Tuesday in the room next to the chapel at St. Peter's at 8:00 P.M. to find out what we're all about.

The article also has some excellent proposed responses to a prospect's reasons for not joining:

[Not interested.] "I can understand you're not being interested in something you haven't had the opportunity to hear about, but so you can judge the value of membership in the Knights, do you think you'll be free for a short time to attend our information session..."

[Too busy] "I know how busy you are. The time you commit is up to you. Let us explain how. Do you think you'll be free for a short time..."

[You're wasting your time trying to recruit me.]: "Since belonging to the Knights might be of great importance to you, I certainly don't mind spending the time. I also think you're the type of person who would find the benefits of membership in the Knights interesting and valuable. Do you think you'll be free for a short time..."

Thanks for your help! Please call me at (301) 570-9613 if you have any questions.

COUNCIL RECRUITMENT CONTEST UPDATE



Here's an update of our Recruitment Contest, identified by the four Council categories. We all need to get going and do some recruiting! I know they are out there! **Total Recruited** Since JUL/01/2013 = 7.

OFFICERS	3	DIRECTORS	0
CHAIRMEN	1	MEMBERSHIP	3

Remember, you'll earn a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice for you and your Spouse or other Dining Companion. One officer, one chairman, one director (trustees are in this group) and one brother knight in the general membership can be winners. The brother knight who recruits the most new members through June 30, 2014 will be eligible provided everyone in his group recruits 1 new member. For the general

membership to qualify the officers, chairman and directors must recruit one new member each. **Including February**, you have 5 months to win \$100!

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861 "WE STICK TOGETHER!"

Rockville, MD–Montgomery County-Instituted Aug 27, 2004 Sir Knight Harry Bushar, Faithful Navigator [www.sullivan2861.org]



Sullivan Brothers Assembly **Executive Meetings** are held the <u>first Thursday</u> of the month at 8PM. **Business Meetings** are held the <u>third Thursday</u> of the month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS



Source: Maryland State Council Website

The Maryland State Council website provides many useful links. Among them is a link to the prayer for Father McGivney's sainthood. http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html

The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord ... Amen.

ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reflections

Recently, I took hold of myself to slow down from all the joys and hustle and bustle of the past Christmas season and at the same catch up so as to prepare for the beginnings of a new year and in what lays ahead.

As I was thumbing through my breviary, a prayer book that clergy use daily, to pray for the church, I came across a prayer card that marked the death of my favorite uncle, Brother F. George Heil, F.S.C. The card was authored by the late Richard Cardinal Cushing. It read:

"Slow me down, Lord. Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations----of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pet a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Slow me down Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny."

I invite all of my Brother Knights and Gentle Ladies to pray this prayer over that first cup of coffee in the morning. May these words become for each of you a "mini retreat" as you prepare to face a new day

And may the Peace of Christ be shared towards those who yearn for His love and compassion. God Bless You!!!

Deacon Tom Cioffi

U-KNIGHT INTERACTIVE WEBSITE UKnight Tips

Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight



Did you know you don't have to call anyone to sign up for an event? Here's how to do it:

- 1. Sign on to our web site at www.kofc6793.org
- 2. Select "Event Calendar" or select the event name from the Home screen, which will bring you to the information page of the Event Calendar, then proceed to step #4.
- 3. Go to the date of the event you want to volunteer for and select it
- 4. Select "Click Here to Volunteer"
- 5. Complete the Sign up Roster with your information, your membership number is displayed on your membership card
- 6. Your information will be sent to the event Manager You can still call the event chairman if you like

That's all there is too it, give it a try!

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 June 15, 2014. Please make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 6793" and mail it to Don Hemke, Financial Secretary, Council 6793, 18729 Willow Grove Road, Olney, MD. 20832. As this 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."

COUNCIL RECOGNITION



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Christopher J. Romano

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

John & Patricia Moore

COUNCIL YOUTH NEWS

Andrew Colliton, Youth Activities Director



See attached flyer for Basketball Free-throw event details!

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: http://www.stpatricksmd.org
Reverend Monsignor Charles V. Antonicelli



SUPPORT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



St. Patrick's Sham Rock N' Party 2014 Saturday, March 15, 2014 – 7PM to Midnight

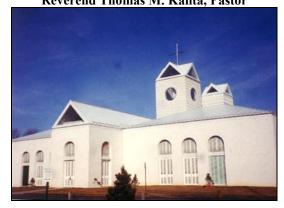
You're invited to the Sham Rock' N Party hosted by St. Patrick's School! Let's celebrate our Patron Saint and the opening of the new parish center and gym! There will be a live band, a selection of Irish food, open bar, and we'll party like the Irish do! A live and silent auction will be held to benefit the school-including supporting our academic and scholarship programs, professional development activities, and technology enhancements.

You do not have to attend to provide your support - but we sure would like to see you there! Tickets are \$80 per person.

Please register to attend, fund-a-faculty member to attend, or donate directly to the cause at https://spatrick.ejoinme.org/shamrocknparty2014.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



Discovering Christ ~ ~ ~ An Invitation

Saint Peter's Parish is following the lead of Pope Francis in inviting people to develop a personal relationship with Christ through a program entitled <u>Discovering Christ</u>. This exciting program originated in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and has spread to more than 100 dioceses throughout the nation.

The course itself begins at Saint Peter's on Tuesday evening, February 25, and runs for seven consecutive Tuesday nights. Each session includes four components: a shared dinner, a prayer time, a teaching from a DVD series, and a small group discussion. No cost is involved. To sign up or to request more information, please contact one of our Adult Faith Formation team members:

- ➤ Bernadette Burlas at 301–774–5693 or by e-mail (bernadette.burlas@gmail.com),
- ➤ Bill Carlson at 301–592–6636 or by e-mail a (bcarlso36@gmail.com)
- ► Bob Scanlon at 301–570–8070 or by e-mail at (robertjscanlon@gmail.com)

SUPREME NEWS

Knights Deliver Initial Relief Supplies



In a case of neighbor helping neighbor following the destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, Knights of Columbus in the Visayas jurisdiction delivered food, water and other necessities during a relief operation in northern Iloilo. With donations from councils in the surrounding area, Knights from Iloilo City traveled about 50 miles north on Sunday, Nov. 17, with 788 sacks filled with rice, canned goods, noodles and bottled water.

"The Knights of Columbus network came through so we could identify the needs in the area," said Visayas Deputy Rodrigo Sorongon of the relief operation. "It has been difficult to communicate with the councils in the devastated areas, but I was able to reach the regional deputy to find out what was needed."

Knights of the Visayas jurisdiction also distributed clothing in the areas of Binon-an, Batad, Iloilo and Concepcion. These are coastal areas hit by ocean surges that caused massive destruction along the shoreline.

In addition, Knights from Cebu City traveled to northern Cebu to distribute sacks of rice and canned goods. "This will be a long-term relief operation, and the Knights will continue to be there," Sorongon noted.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP/REQUESTOR	
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita	Pastor/St. Peter's Church	
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	Past Chaplain/Council 6793	
Phyllis Weller	Wife/Richard Weller	
Ben Popera	Friend/Don Hemke FS	
Kayla MacBride	Niece/Fr. Thomas Kalita	
Dubinsky Family	Neighbors/Deacon Tom Cioffi	
Donna d'Almeida	Wife/Innocent d'Almeida	
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Barbara & Bob Mazonkey	
Cheryl Brown	Niece/Innocent d'Almeida	
Dottie Chen	Sister-in-Law/Homer Chen	
Leon Amaducci	Brother Knight/Chris Romano	
Cindy Boland	Wife/Tim Boland	
Ella Ryan	Sister-in-Law/John Moore	
Judy Myers	Wife/Jim Myers	
Dolores Verges	Friend Dana Perry	
Louis Krempasky	Father/Joseph Krempasky	
Dan Heath	Charter Member 6793	
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke, FS	
Kathryn Wharton	Aunt/Paul McFarlane	
Catherine Rizzo	Granddaughter/Chuck Cozad	
Olga Acosta-Poston	Friend/Paul McFarlane	
Stephania Brant	Friend/Dana Perry	
Joan Bruno	Grandmother/Dave Bruno	
Dr. Bill Colliton	Father/Andy Colliton	
Patricia Gulban	Cousin/Bill Gulban	
Dan Dudak	Cousin/Bill Gulban	
Dorothy Marceron	Grandmother/Marc Long	
Beverly Sgroi	Friend/Fred Whitman	
Gundel Menzel	Wife/Karl Menzel	
Rose Taylor	Mother/Fred Taylor	
Parish Priests	Tom Firestone	
DECEASED'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP / DATE	
Kristen Andre	Friend/Deacon Tom Cioffi	
Douglas Morin	Brother/Rick Morin	
Mary Ellen Dubinsky	Neighbor/Tom Cioffi 1-18-2014	

† 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.kofcmd.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.

PRO-LIFE "CULTURE OF LIFE" NEWS



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Remember to arrive just before 7PM to our council business meetings to take part in our dedicated prayer time for the promotion of Pro-Life activities and Catholic vocations.

We gather in the OLGC Chapel at 7PM to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Chaplet materials are provided. Just bring a genuine desire to join your brother knights in prayer. This activity will not interfere with the normal 7:30PM business meeting start time.

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE

The Maryland Education Credit advocates are dedicated to ensuring that every student in Maryland has access to high-quality, diverse, and affordable educational opportunities. We believe that it is imperative to build and sustain an array of resources for Maryland's elementary and secondary students, so that every family can provide the best possible education to their children.

The Respect Life Department at the Conference confirmed this week which plans available on Maryland's Health Care Exchange do not cover elective abortions. The following plans are those identified by personnel at the Exchange that do not cover abortion:

- All All Savers plans
- All Evergreen plans
- Care First of Maryland, Inc. multi-state plans
- GHMSI multi-state plans

As always, we continue to monitor all aspects of health care to ensure Marylanders have a choice that allows us to practice our faith, including supporting the dignity of life of the unborn. Are you a Nonpublic School Student, Teacher, Parent or Supporter? If so, come to our 2014 School Advocacy Day in Annapolis and show your support on Tuesday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. We would love to have as many Catholic school personnel, parents, kids and families as possible. It's a great chance for legislators to meet with their nonpublic school constituency. The day includes a rally, legislator appointments and lunch. Questions? Contact Mr. Garrett O'Day, associate director of education and family life at garrett@mdcathcon.org register this event at: http://www.educationmaryland.org/legislativeday



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

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OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10-14





COMPETITION INCLUDES 15 FREE-THROW SHOTS





WINNERS ADVANCE TO DISTRICT & STATE LEVELS



Saturday February 8, 2014 1:00 to 3:00 pm (Registration Closes at 1:30)

> Mother of God School Gym 20501 Goshen Road (Corner of Warfield) Gaithersburg, Maryland

This Event is FREE!

Join the fun! At 2:00 there will be a Parent vs. Children basketball game.

BRING PROOF OF AGE



ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT OR CONTACT: Terry Waters at 301-216-1941 or tewaters@coca-cola.com or Mike Amery at MAmery@aan.com



Our Council's 38th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day 2014 (Jointly Sponsored with Olney Lions Club)







SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2014

8:00AM to 2:00PM St. John's Episcopal Church Hall (Olney) Olney-Laytonsville Road (Rt. 108, across from the Olney Library)

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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!

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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 10th.
- All Advertisers receive complimentary tickets (2-4). If additional tickets are needed, the following charge will apply: Adults \$7.00 and Children 6-12, \$3.00 Children under 6 are FREE!
- Checks are payable to *Pancake 38* when submitting Ad copy.

Contact Chris Romano on 240-731-9478 or email: Christopher.j.romano@nasa.gov to purchase an ad and/or volunteer to work the Pancake & Sausage Day.



- ➤ Saturday, February 8 Basketball Free-Throw Championship Mother of God School Gaithersburg, MD (1-3PM) See flyer for details!
- ► Saturday, February 22 Council's 38th Annual Pancake/Sausage Day St. John's Episcopal Church (8Am-2PM) See attached flyer for details!











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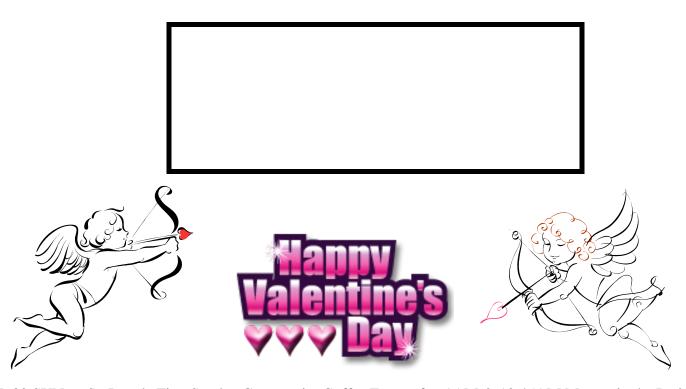
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FEB 02 SUN St. Peter's First Sunday Community Coffee Event after 9AM & 10:45AM Masses in the Parish Hall

FEB 05 WED **Executive Meeting**, Cottage on Marian Grounds, **7:30PM**

FEB 06 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 *Executive Meeting* at Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 7:30 PM

FEB 12 WED Business Meeting, OLGC at 7:30PM ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.

FEB 17 MON Presidents' Day – Fly your flag in memory of all our Presidents!

FEB 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 Business Meeting at Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM

FEB 21 FRI 3rd Degree Exemplification, St. Peter's Olney, MD – Details: Call Steve Goldhammer: 301-570-9613

FEB 22 SAT 38th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day at St. John's Episcopal Hall (8AM-2PM). See flyer for details!

FEB 26 WED Council Social - Master of the 4th Degree, SK John F. Winfrey will talk about the 4th Degree

and the upcoming exemplification. Meet at 7:30PM at OLGC, Room 114.

MAR 05 WED Executive Meeting, Cottage on Marian Grounds, 7:30PM (Ash Wednesday!)

MAR 06 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 *Executive Meeting* at Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 7:30 PM

MAR 12 WED Business Meeting, OLGC at 7:30PM ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.

MAR 15 SAT St. Patrick's Sham Rock N' Party 2014 - 7PM to Midnight – See details inside this newsletter.

MAR 17 MON St. Patrick's Day!

MAR 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 Business Meeting at Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM

MAR 26 WED Council Social – Details to follow.

For more information or to participate in any Council events, call Jack Giacalone, GK on 301-774-6338.

THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CALENDAR MAY BE VIEWED AT: WWW.KOFC6793.ORG

(Select "Calendar" then "View 2013-2014 Council Calendar")

Minutes of our monthly Business Meetings are posted on the Council's website. (Select "Business Mtg. Minutes" link.)

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[pmknight6793kofc@verizon.net] no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's publication. Questions regarding newsletter content or story ideas may be sent to Paul via e-mail, anytime or call him on (301-633-9439).