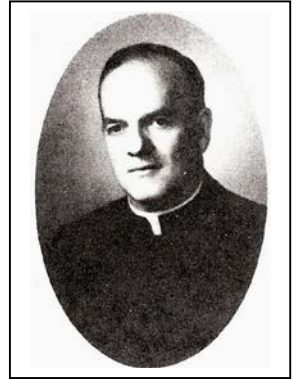


Father Maher's Knightly News



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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:

The month of February begins with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (and the optional Blessing of Candles) on February 2. Those candles will be used the next day for the Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise. These feasts brighten up "Ordinary Time." This year, on the Sundays of Ordinary Time, we read from the Gospel of Matthew. Chapters 5-8 of Mathew contain the famous Sermon on the Mount. As we listen to Jesus preach (and to the homilies of our clergy!), may we strive to grow in our discipleship. In the meantime, may He bless you in every way.

Prayerfully, Monsignor Essex

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)
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Maryland councils have an exciting new opportunity for Brother Knights to serve as volunteers at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on a regular basis. This is a special opportunity available to ALL Knights in the DC Area and would involve providing assistance to the Shrine on heavy volume visit days.

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

Duties would include welcoming visitors and assisting staff with any needs as they may arise. Any interested Council members are encouraged to please contact the DC State Church Director Victor David via email (32david@cardinalmail.cua.edu). Once volunteers are identified, there will be a very simple training that the Shrine's Pilgrimage and Visitor Services staff will organize with volunteers.

Show your spouse how much you appreciate her by doing something extra special for her on Valentine's Day, and every other day of the year!

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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

First Lady Elaine and I thank all of you for your constant support of us and the Council. The second half of our fraternal year began in January and some of us participated in the State Mid-Term meeting held at Columbus Gardens. It was an inspiring meeting followed by Mass, a great way to prepare for the rest of our fraternal year. Please remember to ask Our Lord to help and guide each of us to serve the Church and the Community in the upcoming months.

Our annual Communion Breakfast took place on Sunday, January 22nd in St. Peter's Parish Hall following the 9 a.m. Mass. This is a Culture of Life event for the Council and supports the Knights of Columbus State Ultrasound Program to place ultrasound machines into pregnancy centers throughout the State of Maryland. We gathered after Mass for a great breakfast and listened to an informative and moving presentation by Ellen Curro, Consultant for Germantown Pregnancy Choices and Pro Life Advocate.

Our January Council Social Meeting provided an opportunity for many of us to view a movie, "Father Michael McGivney, The Story of the founder of the Knights of Columbus". This documentary film brings the story of Fr. McGivney to life showing the challenges addressed by this young and courageous priest. This movie was exceptional and I highly recommend it to anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to view it.

The Council will be preparing “breakfast” on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, February 28th (the eve of Ash Wednesday) at St. Peter’s. We will be preparing pancakes, sausage, and eggs for this “Annual Mardi Gras Dinner”. This is a traditional celebration and it presents an opportunity for us to support the Church and prepare a meal for our parish community. Please contact Jack Giacalone to help with this event. We are also participating in the 41st annual Pancake and Sausage Day with the Olney Lions Club on Saturday, February 25th. This event will support our Council Scholarship Program. Please consider volunteering to serve food or purchase an advertisement for this event by contacting Ed Shaffer. Additional details are on a flyer in this newsletter. We are planning a Mulch Sale and an Easter Egg Hunt in early March. Please contact Joe Krempasky if you would like to help with those events.

We will have our annual Charter Dinner on the afternoon of April 15th at the Golden Bull Restaurant in Gaithersburg. Put that event on your calendar and join us for great food, fellowship and music. You may contact Jack Giacalone to reserve a spot. Additional details will follow.

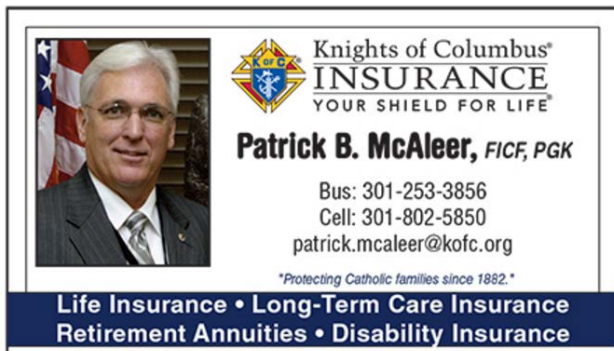
We will be presenting a Lenten program “What Jesus saw from the Cross” at our Social Meeting in March. This will be the third presentation of that program during Lent and is an event not to be missed. The presentation will be in the Our Lady of Grace Church, followed by fellowship and refreshments. I hope you will join us. Another event that you don’t want to miss is our Council Pilgrimage to the John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, March 4th. This promises to be a truly inspiring day. Please contact Kevin Kennedy for additional details.

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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I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to the Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PETER’S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



How to Discover God’s Unique Purpose and Call For Your Life!

Join Dave Michaels, Program Facilitator on February 9 at 8PM in the Shepherd’s Room for a preview session on how you can discover your unique purpose and call. For more information, contact the Office of Adult Faith Formation at 301-774-0162.

ST. PATRICK’S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



Day of Reflection

On February 25th, travel with your fellow parishioners for a Day of Reflection at The Shrine of St. Anthony. Carpools will leave St. Patrick’s at 8:30 a.m. Hurry and make your commitment for this because the fast approaching deadline for this event is Feb 5th. For details please contact Marion Spahn at (301) 929-1141 or at 50thst.pat@verizon.net.

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.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities
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COUNCIL'S 41ST ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE EVENT



See the attached flyer for details about our council's 41st Annual Pancake & Sausage event to be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at St. John's Episcopal Church. HURRY and contact Ed Schaffer 301-706-8975 or ed.shaffer75@gmail.com to purchase your advertisement in the program to be distributed at the event.

COUNCIL NEWS

SK Joseph Krempasky, Chairman, Council Activities
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JOIN THIS \$1,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE

Again this year, an anonymous Council Brother has offered to **"Match your donations to our Seminarians' Fund up to \$1,000!"** This most generous challenge is effective through May 1, 2017. You may 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** log on to our website [www.kofc6793.org] and make your donation via our PayPal account.

Remember to specify the purpose of the donation as **"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."* Please recite the prayer below in support of vocations.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus, High Priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call our youth to your service as faithful priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, Brothers and Sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their children so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocations in life with wisdom and freedom.

Lord, you told us that *"The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into His harvest."* We ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, Brothers and Sisters; those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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
Kevin Hartinger	Son/Council Member
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Innocent D'Almeida	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
Ann Ketter	Wife/Council Member
Danielle Gottlieb	Friend/Fred Whitman
Danny Fluhart	Ron Herberg
Barbara Campanero	Friend/Don Hemke
Bill Gulbin	Council Member
Eleanor Banford	Sister/ Bob Mazonkey
Con & Catherine. Heinie	Friend/ Mike Ivan
Paul Aloï	Friend/ Bob Amato
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/ Bob & Barb Mazonkey
Steve Bready	Friend of Don Hemke
Jean Sulla	Wife/Deceased member
Ron Kiss	Council Member
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Gene Walsh	January 5, 2017
Jennifer Stone	January 10, 2017
Marion Zombolas	November 12, 2016

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Membership

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Some event, someone, some thought encouraged you to seek information and to become an active member in the Knights of Columbus. Why not share this experience with another Catholic man?

There is no better recruitment message than the one that belongs to you. We hope to have a First Degree in February. There is ample time to offer this opportunity. If you need assistance or want more information on how to approach a potential member, please contact me.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Steve Sutkowski, Chairman, Community Activities

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On Saturday March 4, 2017 our Council along with other Councils in the area are headed to the Knights Shrine to Saint John Paul II on a Pilgrimage. We are participating in the Morning Schedule where we will depart our Council home at Our Lady of Grace Church and motor down to the Shrine. We will leave at 8:30 as we are to be at the Shrine at 10:00. We will have a tour of the Sacred Art, and the Thomas More exhibit followed by a Mass and lunch. We will leave at 2:30 to return home.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know by March 1, 2017 as we will order boxed lunches for our group. The Council will provide soda and water. The cost per person is 12.00. To sign up, please contact our Chancellor, Kevin Kennedy on phone at: 301-774-5014 or email: kaiser52@comcast.net.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

SK Stephen Goldhammer, Chairman, Culture of Life

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Thanks to all who attended the 44th D.C. National March for Life on 27 January to show your support and make it clear that issues affecting life from conception to natural death, traditional marriage and the family, and religious freedom are important and cannot be ignored.

40 Days for Life Spring 2017 Campaign - The 2017 spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will run from March 1 through April 9. Since 2007, this ministry has saved over 13,000 babies and resulted in 75 abortion centers closing, as well as more than 150 abortion workers quitting the business. Will you or your council pray at the abortion center site for an hour or two a week?

Germantown -- Reproductive Health Services, 13233 Executive Park Terrace, Germantown; local contact: Andrew Glenn (301-202-40DL, prayforcarhart@gmail.com)

Hope after Abortion: Day of Prayer & Healing for Men, sponsored by Project Rachel Ministry -- Sat. Feb. 4, 9am-5pm - Location & all contact is confidential, 301-982-2008, hope@adw.org

Catholic Lobby Night - As Catholics we have a responsibility to help shape issues and actions that may impact the general culture of life. Catholics in Annapolis (previously called Lobby Night) is an excellent opportunity to meet your state legislators and share your thoughts about the great work of the Church in Maryland lived out through the works of its ministries, charities, hospitals, schools, parishes and communities. How? Mingle with likeminded Catholics at the 33rd Catholics in Annapolis! On February 15, you will be briefed at St. John Neumann Mission Church (620 N. Bestgate Rd.) from 3-4:30 pm, on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly from a

faith perspective. Then, shuttles will be provided to your legislators' offices. Join members of the General Assembly and Church leaders for a complimentary reception. Details at MDCathCon.com/lobbysnight

Plan to participate in the Maryland March for Life, on March 13, in Annapolis, and again tell our legislators we want them to bring an end to the taking of innocent lives. More information can be found at <http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org/>

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

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

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website



Patrick E. Kelly, a Past State Deputy of the District of Columbia, was appointed Deputy Supreme Knight by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors on December 13. (See photo above.) A Knight for 33 years, Kelly became the Order's Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and since 2011 has also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. He was elected to the Order's Board of Directors in 2013. Earlier this year, he retired with the rank of Captain from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College. Previously, Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice. Kelly also served as Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other nations on religious freedom issues.

He succeeds Logan T. Ludwig, who is retiring at age 70 after serving as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2013. Ludwig served previously for two years as Supreme Treasurer and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2007.

Kelly has served as the first Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, which is adjacent to The Catholic University of America. He has overseen the renewal of that facility, previously known as the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, which was purchased by the Supreme Council in 2011. During his tenure, the Shrine has developed a world-class permanent exhibit, called "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II," and created two new worship spaces that feature the mosaic artwork of Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik — the Redemptor Hominis Church and the Luminous Mysteries Chapel, which

enshrines a first- class blood relic of St. John Paul II. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Kelly will continue to oversee the Shrine's operations.

He holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America. He and his wife, Vanessa, have three young daughters.

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 Meeting
DATE: WED/FEB/15 **TIME:** 8PM
PLACE: St. John the Evangelist, Council #11171
2111 Wintergreen Ave., District Heights, MD

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



Maryland State Council Perpetual Memorial Society

The Maryland State Council Perpetual Memorial Society provides a way for individuals, groups, Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters to remember and pray for our loved ones and friends. Anyone is welcome to enroll anyone they choose (family, friends, loved ones) in the society. The person being enrolled does not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Next of kin will receive a letter of condolence from the Perpetual Memorial Society Chairman. The donor will be sent an email or letter of appreciation if desired for using the Perpetual Memorial Society as a way of remembering and praying for their loved ones for eternity. The amount of the donation will never be revealed. Donations should be made to the Maryland State Council, with "Perpetual Memorial Society" on the check's memo line. All donations will be used for Vocations programs throughout the State of Maryland. Each year a proper accounting of monies raised will be reported at the annual State Convention.

The Perpetual Memorial Society will maintain a book of names enrolled and the book will be present, on the Altar, at every Mass offered at functions of the Maryland State Council. The book will show the enrollee's name, year of birth and death, as well as the donor's name. In addition, registration forms and a complete listing of enrollees can be found on the Perpetual Memorial Society's portion of the Maryland State Council website (www.kofc-md.org).

Fraternally, Michael Forehand, Perpetual Memorial Society Chairman, Tel: 410-687-5079, Email: michael4hand@yahoo.com

YOUTH NEWS

DGK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

- Category 1 ages 5-7 - **Lindsay Munoz** – pastel nativity scene
- Category 2 ages 8-10 - **Tian Traficanti** – table, with God's arms around it.
- Category 3 ages 11-14 - **June Dorsam**

Students in St. Peter's day school and the School of Religion, and St. Patrick's day school and Religious Education program participated.

Below, Tian Traficanti shows off his winning poster. Looking on are Grand Knight Fred Taylor and PGK Jack Giacalone, who joined the prize-giving ceremony.



Our Council's 41st Annual
Pancake & Sausage Day 2017
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2017

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- 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 \$10.00, 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 Ed Shaffer on 301-706-8975 or email: ed.shaffer75@gmail.com to purchase an ad and/or volunteer to work the Pancake & Sausage Day.



- * Annual Mardi Gras Dinner at Saint Peters Church, TUE/FEB/28 at 6PM
- * Don't wait! Place your advertisement in the 41st Annual Pancake & Sausage Day Program Booklet. See attached flyer!
- * The Maryland March for Life is MON/MAR/13/2017

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- FEB 01 WED** **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- FEB 08 WED** **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- FEB 12 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church - To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.
- FEB 12 SUN President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- FEB 14 TUE Valentine's Day
- FEB 16 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- FEB 20 MON Presidents' Day
- FEB 22 WED** **Initiation Degree**, OLCG Parish Center Meeting Room, (7:00PM, Degree Team Arrival; 7:30PM, Candidates Arrival)
- FEB 22 WED President George Washington's Birthday
- FEB 25 SAT** **41st Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner with the Lion's Club**, St. John's Episcopal Church – See attached flyer for details.
- FEB 28 TUE** **Mardi Gras Dinner, Saint Peters Church, 6:00PM**



- MAR 01 WED** **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- MAR 01 WED Ash Wednesday
- MAR 04 SUN John Paul II Shrine Pilgrimage, meet at 9:00AM at Our Lady of Grade Church
- MAR 08 WED** **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- MAR 12 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church - To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.
- MAR 13 MON Maryland March for Life
- MAR 16 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- MAR 17 FRI St. Patrick's Day
- MAR 20 MON First Day of Spring
- MAR 22 WED** **Council Social** –7:30PM, Special Program, "What Jesus saw from the Cross", Our Lady of Grace Church, All Knights & Families welcome!

► **For more information about or to participate in any council event, call Grand Knight Fred Taylor on 301-871-8928.**

► **Council Calendar:** View it at: www.KofC6793.org (Select "Event Calendar" at the left and the current month's calendar will be displayed.) Scroll forward to view upcoming events.) To view **Monthly Business Meeting Minutes** on the website: (On the HOME screen, scroll to the bottom of the page, on the right, select "Access Minutes" in the Council Minutes section.)

► **DEADLINE:** Newsletter content **MUST** be sent, via e-mail, to **Daniel Musiitwa [DMusiitwa@hotmail.com]** **NO later than the 20th of the month** to be included in the **following month's publication**. Newsletter content questions or story ideas may be sent to **Daniel via e-mail, anytime** or call him on (202-320-6806).