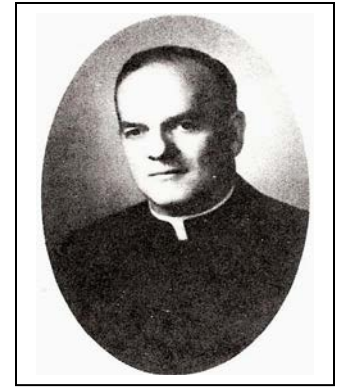


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Vincent DeRosa, Council Chaplain



There's something beautiful about the fact that the feast of St. Joseph (March 19) and that of the Annunciation (March 25) fall within a week of each other. Mary's "yes" to being the Mother of God astounds us... but so does Joseph's. This is not what he signed up for. Villagers talk, and everyone would've understood that - at best - Mary and Joseph were having a child before their marriage was formally sealed. At worst - wagging tongues would've suggested that the child was not even Joseph's to begin with.

What did Joseph's "yes" to the angel and to Mary mean for him? Did business suffer? Did he get strange looks in the market place? How did other men regard him at festive gatherings? I highlight these struggles, only to highlight a deeper reality: JOY - in the angel's message... and in Joseph's love for Mary. Joy (whether it's actual or hoped for) makes all the sacrifices of our lives worthwhile. ...Something for us to consider as we struggle through the rigors and disciplines of Lent in union with Joseph and Mary. Where do I find my deepest joy? How do I connect it with my struggles and pressures in life?

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Grand Knight

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At the outset, allow me first to offer my sincere thanks to several members of our council who stepped up and through their efforts made for some very successful events during the past few weeks.

Recently, Saint Patrick's began a Coffee & Donut reception after Masses on the second Sunday of the Month. I took

2014 – 2015 Motto: *"Seeing God in Everyone"*

the plunge and signed our Council up for several Masses through the end of the year. Our first venture was January 15. This was new and there was no history on attendance. As you can expect, it was more than anticipated. Anyway, thanks to PGK Harry Bushar and several volunteers, everyone was satisfied. Thank you, Harry for another job well done.

We will sponsor more of these gatherings later in the year. These socials provide various ministries recruiting opportunities. We'll have our materials after the Sunday Masses on March 8. Please see more in the Membership Report.

Saint Peter's came to us several months ago asking if the council would be willing to provide a meal for the Seminarian Class of the Archdiocese of Washington. There was only one answer. On February 15th our council hosted a brunch for almost 80 people including about 55 young men in discernment for the priesthood. It could not have been better received. It was the MAGNIFICENT SEVEN all over again. Super thanks go to PGK Joe Krempasky, Deacon Tom Cioffi, Chancellor Chris Romano, DGK Fred Taylor, FS Don Hemke and Barbara, and to the First Lady of the Council and my wife Lynn. WOW!!!

In conclusion, I want to thank all the members of the council who have in any way participated in our programs. I sincerely hope that all my fellow knights and their families have a faith-filled Lenten Season.

Please pray for the many intentions we publish in our newsletter and for those each of us holds in our hearts.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)

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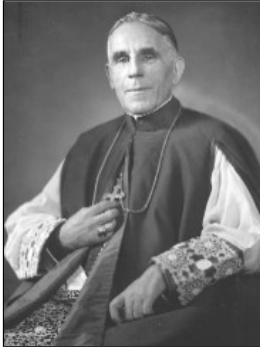
Congratulations on raising \$3,500 for the Tootsie Roll charities in our County. Your fundraising efforts are heartily appreciated and for good causes!

This month I want to focus on advancement in the Order to the Second and/or Third Degree. We've all learned about Charity, the first tenet of our Order. Some of you have also experienced the Second and Third Degrees. Don't be content to just say to yourself that being a First or Second Degree Knight is 'good enough' and all you need to do. In order to learn the full measure of what it means to be a Knight, you should take the next opportunity to experience the lessons of the Second (Unity) and/or Third (Fraternity) Degrees. Then you'll know fully what it really means to be a Knight of Columbus.

The 'capstone' of Knighthood is the Fourth (Patriotism) Degree that is offered once or twice a year in our area. If you haven't already, I invite you to step up and experience all of the Degrees. You'll be glad you did! A Council officer or your sponsor will be happy to accompany you to each exemplification.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963



Attend an upcoming Chapter meeting to learn about all the exciting events and activities other Maryland Councils are hosting! Next meeting is Wednesday, March 18 at 8PM at St. Mary's Council #1470 in Leonardtown, MD. Program: Chapter Recruitment Drive

Website: <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/mcnamara.asp>

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Only Having “through work” Insurance Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life has been drastically changed by the recent recession and economic downturn? With unemployment numbers rising, (the jobless rate was 8.1 percent in Feb. 2009, the highest since 1983), it's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertain now. With this uncertainty, there is a real possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers. Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance doesn't work. This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has and will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



2015 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, June 21 at 2PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Personalized certificates, signed by Cardinal Wuerl, will be distributed to the couples following the ceremony (or mailed to those unable to attend, but who registered.) Please call the Parish Office (301-929-3017) no later than MON/APR/13 to register.

♥St. Patrick's Blood Drive is SUN/APR/12 (9AM-2PM) in the Gym. Contact: Mary Beiter mrbhrb@verizon.net ♥

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Supper and Book Discussion

When: Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Home of Fran Van Brocklin (18300 Paradise Cove Terrace, Olney) Join the ladies of Saint Peter's Parish as they read and discuss **Consoling the Heart of Jesus, A Do-It-Yourself Retreat** Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. RSVP to Fran via text or phone at 301-526-6354 or e-mail her at franmail80@gmail.com for the complimentary social. Invite friends and family!

YOUTH NEWS

Andy Colliton, Youth Activities Coordinator

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EASTER POSTER CONTEST "Christ is Risen!"



Through materials provided by Council 6793, students in our area schools will be invited to create and submit a poster depicting their understanding of the meaning of Easter. The theme is "Christ is Risen!" Entries will be collected during Easter week. First, Second, and Third prizes will be awarded in late May 2015. Contact Andy Colliton for details.

DISTRICT-30 BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST



The District 30 Basketball Free Throw competition will be held on SAT/MAR/07 (1-3:00PM) at the Mother of God School Gym in Gaithersburg, MD. Call Andy Colliton for details.

2015 FATHER CANICE TREACY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Watch our Council Website [www.kofc6793.org] for the 2015 scholarship rules and application deadline!

► In upcoming newsletters, read stories by your fellow Knights about, "Why I joined the Knights of Columbus..."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joseph Feakes, GK

As mentioned in the Grand Knight's Message, Saint Patrick's Community has begun hosting a coffee and donuts social every second Sunday. The next scheduled date is March 8th. We have been given permission to set up an information/recruiting table in the lobby of the Parish Center on this date. We will need men to staff the table after all the Sunday Masses. I can tell you from experience that many folks flock to the coffee and donuts. Please put this date on your calendar. The Sunday Mass schedule is 7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 12:30PM. I am looking for volunteers and I'll be out of town so I need a point person. Please contact me ASAP!

We will have a similar recruiting drive at Saint Peter's in March. However at the time of this publication the date is not confirmed. I want to congratulate all the proposers and our new council members for your enthusiastic response. We, as a council are doing well, but can always do better. For those of you who receive and read this newsletter and have not had an opportunity to participate in any council event, my advice to you is to be selfish. Check out the calendar, the parish bulletins, the council website, and this newsletter. Pick out what pushes your button!

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

"Be not afraid, our faith is our courage!"



MARCH 2015 EVENTS OF NOTE

What: Founder's Day Mass & Awards Dinner

Where: Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church 10003 Bird River Road, Middle River, MD

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 (2PM Mass)

Reservations By: FRI/MAR/13/2015 [Cost: \$20/person]

Contact: Marvin Schuttloffel – 301-603-0877
or marvinandmimischnittloffel@verizon.net

What: Lenten Retreat – Sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland

Where: Calvert Hall College High School, Towson, MD

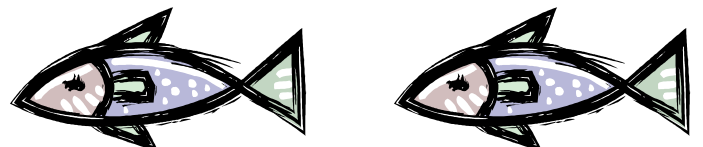
Date: Saturday March 14, 2015 8AM to 4PM

Theme: The New Evangelization as a Way of Life

Reservations By: FRI/MAR/06/2015 (Cost: \$40)

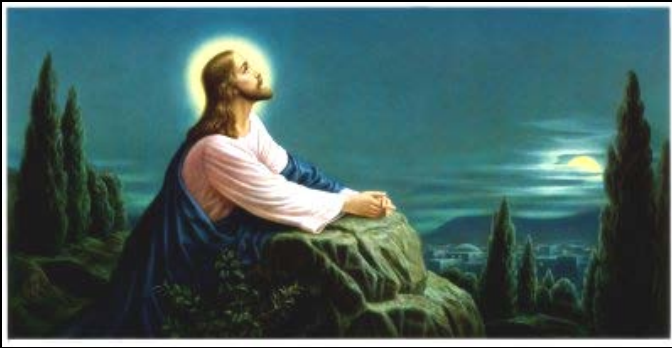
Contact: Gil Hoffman (410-252-5737) Tony Boehk (410-456-6790) or visit: www.catholicmensfellowship.com

LENTEN FISH DINNERS



Council 6793 will host two Lenten fish dinners.
See attached flyer for details.

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 of Fr. Kalita
Rose Taylor	Mother/Fred Taylor
Donna d'Almeida	Wife/Innocent d'Almeida
Louis Krempasky	Father/Joseph Krempasky
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Leon Amaducci	Friend/Chris Romano
Joanne Checchi	Friend/Chris Romano
Kunigunde Menzel	Wife/Karl Menzel
Bob Mazonkey	Brother Knight/Joe Feakes
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob & Barbara Mazonkey
Michael Santiago	Cousin/Chris Romano
Ronald Kiss	Brother Knight/Steve Goldhammer
John Langford	Friend/Ron Herberg
Sean Fox	Cousin/Chris Romano
Sue Sellers	Sister-In-Law/Fred Whitman
Frankie King	Friend/Fred Whitman
Kathy Gehring	Friend/Deacon Tom Cioffi
Karl Menzel	Brother Knight/Joe Feakes
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Jim Hughes	01/19/15
Brian Santiago	01/22/15
Reno Smith	01/31/15
Raymond Firestone	02/01/15
Daniel S. O'Connor	02/16/15
Robert Stovenour	02/23/15

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



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

During Lent, every Catholic parish offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM. Simply go to your church or visit www.TheLightIsOn.org

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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



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

- ❖ **4:30PM Youth Rally with Kristan Hawkins, Students for Life**
- ❖ **5:15PM Nondenominational Worship Service & Catholic Mass**
- ❖ **6:15PM Assemble in St. Mary's parking lot for the March**
- ❖ **6:30PM March through Annapolis (Shuttle available for those unable to walk)**
- ❖ **7:00PM Rally at Lawyers Mall (Signs w/poles or sticks are not permitted.)**
- ❖ **8:00PM Chick-fil-A and Fellowship at St. Mary's**

WELCOME SPRINGTIME PARTY FOR MARIAN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS



On Sunday, April 19 (1:30-3:30PM) our Council will host a "WELCOME SPRINGTIME" party for residents of the Marian Assisted Living Center in Brookeville, MD. We've engaged a group to play "Colonial Music" while we serve light refreshments and mingle with residents. We need up to 10 Council volunteers. Please call Paul McFarlane, on 301-633-9439.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861
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Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.

SUPREME NEWS

Source: KofC Supreme Website



The 2015 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage for Wounded or Disabled Military Personnel for the 57th Annual International Military Pilgrimage will take place May 12-18, 2015. The pilgrimage, sponsored by the **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**, and the **Knights of Columbus**, is the latest event in a long history of both organizations' involvement in Lourdes and service to the military.

Military personnel and their designated caregivers (if applicable) will travel to the Marian shrine for a time of resting, praying and healing. The 5-day retreat will include special Masses, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, Blessing of the Sick, a visit to the baths at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, a candlelight vigil and a closing ceremony that draws tens of thousands of troops to the sacred shrine every year. *"We will journey and pray with pilgrims from around the world,"* said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese of Military Services. *"It will be an occasion to raise our hearts and minds to the Prince of Peace and beg for an increase in understanding and a decrease in strife."*

For more information on the 2015 pilgrimage, visit:
http://www.warriorstolourdes.com/wtl/en/2015_pilgrimage.html

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 FOR THE
10TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



A *furry-iously* fun time awaits on **SAT/MAR/28** at **11AM** at (Venue to be determined)! Children, grouped by ages 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9 will have designated egg-hunting spaces! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded in each age category. Children should bring their own baskets. *Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny may make an appearance!*

Call Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891) by **THU/MAR/26** with the number and ages of your children who will attend!

FOOD AND NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES

Paul D. McFarlane, Food for Families Chairman



Please buy and bring any of the items listed below to any Council event as we donate these to St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Food Banks to help our parishes' families.

We'll have collection boxes at the FRI/MAR/13 (St. Patrick's) and FRI/MAR/27 (St. Peter's) Lenten Fish Dinners.

Dried Beans or Peas - Macaroni and Cheese - Spaghetti and other Pastas - Snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, nuts) - Cold or Hot Cereals - Juices - Pancake Mix - Syrup - Chili - Canned Fruits and Vegetables - Rice (bagged or boxed) - Peanut Butter - Jelly - Jell-O - Pudding Mixes - Canned meats (Spam, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew - Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk - Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) - Ramen Noodles, Rice & Side dishes, etc.

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL ITEMS.

COUNCIL NEWS

2015 COUNCIL DUES ARE DUE
Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary



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

New this year, we recommend paying your council dues and assessments using a credit or debit card on the council website (www.kofc6793.org) via our PayPal account. You'll need to pay the \$45 via the "Dues Payment" button. Then, if you elect to pay the \$1 Supreme Assessment and any of the Patron Advertisements, use the "Donation" button to pay these as a second-separate PayPal transaction.

Certainly, you may pay your dues and optional assessments using a single check and/or cash. We only ask that you maintain your excellent dues payment record by whichever payment method you choose.

Knights of Columbus Council #6793

Lenten Family Fish Dinners



St. Patrick's Parish Hall - Friday, March 13, 2015
5:00 pm – 7:15 pm (Attend *Stations of the Cross* at **7:30 PM.**)



St. Peter's Parish Hall - Friday, March 27, 2015
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Attend *Stations of the Cross* at **7:15 PM.**)

White Fish ♦ Fish Sticks ♦ French Fries
Cole Slaw ♦ Apple Sauce ♦ Rolls
Soft Drinks ♦ Coffee ♦ Tea ♦ Desserts

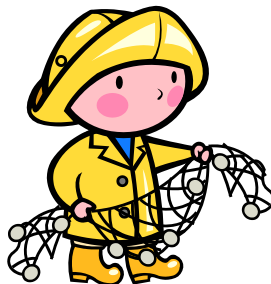
Pay at the Door: Adults = \$8.00

Children (Ages 4-12) = \$5.00

Family = \$24.00

Children (Ages 3 and younger) = Free!

For Information Call: *Joe Krempasky (301-774-4891)*



Bring non-perishable food items to donate to Parish Food Pantries!

We will have collection boxes !



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

☞ Two Lenten Family Fish Dinners: **FRI/MAR/13 at St. Patrick's** (5-7:15PM) & **FRI/MAR/27 at St. Peter's** (5-7PM) – Call Joe Krempasky to volunteer on 301-570-4891 or e-mail him at: jfkrempasky@gmail.com

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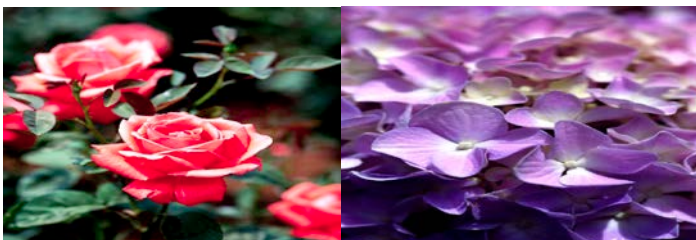


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- MAR 04 WED** **Executive Meeting, 7:30PM St. Patrick's Parish Center, Room #207**
MAR 08 SUN Council 6793 Membership Drive after all Masses at St. Patrick's
MAR 09 MON Maryland March for Life, Annapolis, MD [<http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org/>]
MAR 10 TUE Session for Prospective Members, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
MAR 11 WED **Business Meeting**, OLG C Classroom #114 ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.
MAR 12 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting** at Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM
MAR 13 FRI Lenten Family Fish Dinner, **St. Patrick's** - See attached flyer for details.
MAR 17 TUE Saint Patrick's Day 🌿🌿🌿
MAR 14 & 15 Council 6793 Membership Drive after all Masses at St. Peter's
MAR 25 WED First Degree at OLG C, Room #114 - Candidates should arrive at 7PM
MAR 27 FRI Lenten Family Fish Dinner, **St. Peter's** - See attached flyer for details.
MAR 29 SUN Palm Sunday



So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:13

- APR 01 WED** **Executive Meeting, 7:30PM St. Patrick's Parish Center, Room #207**
APR 03 FRI Good Friday
APR 05 SUN Easter Sunday "I am the way, the truth, and the life-No one comes to the Father, but through me." [John 14:6]
APR 12 SUN Divine Mercy Sunday – "For the sake of his sorrowful passion..."
APR 12 SUN St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive in Parish Center Gym (9AM-2PM) Contact: Mary Beiter mtbrhb@verizon.net
APR 08 WED **Business Meeting**, OLG C Classroom #114 ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.
APR 10-12 Weekend of Fourth Degree
APR 14 TUE Session for Prospective Members, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
APR 16 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM
APR 17 FRI Matthew Kelley Event, St. Peter's, Olney (6-10:30PM)-Call 859-980-7900 or visit www.DynamicCatholic.com
APR 19 SUN Welcome Springtime Party for Marian's Assisted Living Center Residents 1:30-3:30PM
APR 22 WED **Council Social** – Details forthcoming.

- **For more information or to participate in any council events, call GK Joseph Feakes on 301-774-0137.**
► **Council Calendar:** View it at: www.KofC6793.org (Select "Event Calendar" at the left and the current month's calendar will be displayed.) 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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