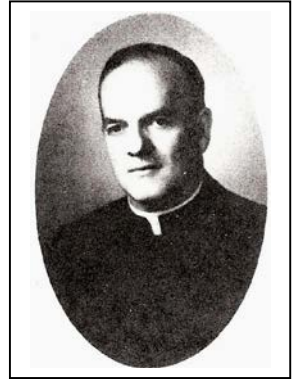


Father Maher's Knightly News



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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:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The meaning of the word "lent" seems to be derived from the time of year it occurs: Spring, when the days lengthen. Lent, then, should be a springtime for us when our works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving prepare us to celebrate the Easter mysteries with hearts and minds renewed. May this Lent be for you a time of grace and blessing.

Sincerely in the Lord, Monsignor Essex

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)
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This month I want to focus on advancement in our Order to the Formation and/or Knighthood Degree. We've all learned about Charity, the first tenet of our Order. Many of you have also experienced the Second and Third Degrees, but many of you haven't. 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

Motto: "Mary, fill our hearts with charity and love."

lessons of the Formation (Unity) and/or Knighthood (Fraternity) Degrees. Then you'll know fully what it really means to be a Knight of Columbus. The next Formation Degree in the local area will be at St. Rose of Lima Council in Germantown on 22 March and the next Knighthood Degree will be on 31 March at Fr. Horace McKenna Council in Germantown. Please notify your Financial Secretary, Don Hemke, if you are available for either or both of them.

The 'capstone' of Knighthood is the Fourth (Patriotism) Degree that is only conducted once a year. This year's exemplification will be on 25 March at 10:30 A.M. at the Colony South on Rt. 5 in Clinton. Please let me know ASAP if you are available on 25 March.

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.

I hope you're able to attend the District-wide Pilgrimage to the John Paul II Shrine on Saturday, 4 March.

Please invite a Catholic gentleman that you know to join our honored Order. He might even say yes! Better yet, have your spouse invite the spouse of your friend to encourage her husband to join.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Celebrate it sensibly.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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Brother Knights and Ladies:

We have been blessed in the new calendar year with a mild Winter. The clement weather has provided uninterrupted opportunities to serve our Church and our Community. We continue to thank the Lord for our many blessings.

Our Communion Breakfast at St. Peter's was an outstanding event led by Jack Giacalone. The eggs and pancakes were again donated by The Tavern Restaurant in Olney for the 5th year. Our speaker, Ellen Curro, Consultant of Germantown

Pregnancy Choices and Pro Life Advocate, made a presentation that was interesting, moving and animated. We were pleased that Fathers Kalita and Morkunas stayed for the presentation and to have Father Kalita address us at the end of the event in support of Life. The Communion Breakfast was dedicated to Life and was a complete success.

The 41st annual Pancake and Sausage Day with the Olney Lions Club was well attended and a great success. It was another great opportunity for the Lion's Club and the Knights of Columbus to come together in fellowship to serve our Community. My thanks to Ed Shaffer and Don Hemke for leading this event. Our Council also prepared a meal on the evening of Shrove Tuesday at St. Peter's. This Mardi Gras dinner allowed us to support the Youth Ministry at the Parish. We are happy to be of service to our Church and their ministries.

Joe Krempasky is leading our Mulch Sale activity again this year. We continue to take orders and will meet on March 11th to deliver the orders. Please call Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891) to purchase mulch for your Spring cleanup and/or to help with the deliveries. Joe is also planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt for April 8th. My thanks to Joe for all that he does for our Council. We are blessed to have Brothers like Joe who give so much of themselves.

Deacon Tom Cioffi will again lead us in our annual 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. 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.

Don't forget 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.

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.

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.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT



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ASK ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often 'forget' to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



7th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Do something special for yourself and those who love you by attending the Men's Lenten Retreat. The retreat will be held Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19, at the Trinitarian Retreat

Center in Baltimore. The theme for this year is "Ignorance of Scriptures is Ignorance of Christ" (St. Jerome).

For more information, please contact: Dave Hauge at davehaug@gmail.com or 301-775-2441.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



For an awesome evening of Music, Meditation, and Prayer, Irish Tenor Mark Forest takes us on a spiritual journey by way of "Come Walk With Me" at St. Patrick's on March 13th at 7:30 PM.

On March 31st, you are invited to take a spiritual field trip. The day itinerary will begin by leaving St. Patrick's @ 9:15 AM; arriving at St. John Paul II Shrine for a tour of Sacred Art and Thomas More Exhibit; a 12 noon Mass; lunch at the Basilica, gift shop, and book store; and returning to St. Patrick's by 3:15 PM. St. Patrick's Leisure Club is hosting this event so please hurry and contact Kay Bidinger (301) 774-6843 for details and charges.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities
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I strongly urge all members and families to join us at the March Council Social meeting on March 22, 7:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. The evening will center on a presentation by council members on "What Jesus saw from the cross".

This is truly a faith stimulating experience and very appropriate for the Lenten Season. There will be fellowship afterwards.

In addition, the council encourages everyone to closely watch their parishes' announcements for all the healing opportunities offered throughout this most Holy Season.

Fraternally, Joe Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities

COUNCIL NEWS

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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.*

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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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2017 COUNCIL DUES NOTICE

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

By now most of the council should have received their 2017 dues statements. If you have not, please call (Cell: 301-919-4470) or send an email to me (gumpermd@verizon.net). I want to thank you for your prompt response in sending in your dues payment. For those who have not yet done so, **I encourage you to use the convenience of our council website (www.kofc6793.org) to pay by credit/debit card or PayPal.** Just use the "dues button" at the top of the website to pay our \$45 per year dues. If your dues statement shows other than a multiple of \$45 due, then you can use the "donation button" for any amount of payment, or partial payment with a comment telling me this is a dues payment. *Use the "donation button" to make a Culture of Life donation.* One tip, to pay with credit/debit card, avoid selecting prompts for or by PayPal. The credit card prompts are located below the PayPal prompts. Lastly, if you have not yet received your 2017 membership card after making your payment, please call me or send me an email immediately. **If you have recently changed your address or email address, please send me an update so I can adjust our records.** I am available anytime for help and assistance.

OK, I paid my dues, or didn't. Why? The answer to that question is a personal one. At some time, each of us found a reason to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. I ask you to revisit that reason and commit anew your interest in the many opportunities provided by our council to be an active Catholic man

along with our families to face and respond to the needs and challenges so prevalent in our community and country.

Moreover, if you find yourself at some point of interest, why not invite another Catholic man to join YOU. This is not a misprint. Ask him to join YOU. The council comes later once he is convinced or at least interested in what YOU do.

I welcome any opportunity to assist. Fraternally, Joe Feakes, Tel: 301-774-0137

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
Elaine Taylor	Wife/ Fred Taylor
Jay Whitman	Brother/ Fred Whitman
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Innocent D'Almedia	Council Member
Carl Norwood	Friend/ Joe Krempasky
Lou Rizzo	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Pat Colliton	Brother/ Andy Colliton
Richard Herberg, Jr.	Brother/ Ron Herberg
Danny Fluhart	Brother-in law/ Ron Herberg
Bernie Cooney	Council Member
Paul Aloï	Friend/ Robert Amato
Dan Bosa	Friend/ Don Hemke
Barbara Campanero	Friend/ Don Hemke
Bill Gulbin	Council Member
Eleanor Banford	Sister/ Bob Mazonkey
Con & Catherine Heinie	Friends/ Mike Ivan
Deacon Tom Cioffi	Council Member
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/ Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Ann Ketter	Wife/ Doug Ketter
Steve Bready	Friend/ Don Hemke
Linda McKenna	Friend/ Don Hemke
Shannon Ridge	Niece/ Ed Schaffer
Vanessa Rhoda	Friend/ Chris Romano
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
James R. Woodburn	January 28, 2017
Phip Sablemaus	February 4, 2017
Guy Mullen	February 6, 2017

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

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

SK Stephen Goldhammer, Chairman, Culture of Life
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"Spiritual (transformative) leadership is the use of the power of our deepest vision, values, and hopes as a creative force to strengthen ourselves and our communities, to bridge differences and work for justice." - Source Unknown

As the new administration takes office, we pray for unity and the common good for all people. Our scriptures teach us that we are already one. We all breathe the breath of God. We cannot injure another without harming ourselves.

Lent is an opportunity to reflect on how we personally and communally create division. It is time to listen for ways we can restore harmony, value for life and unity in our society.

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/>

Next 40 Days for Life Lent Campaign - Mar. 1 - April 9. Local Campaign will be held again in Germantown on Wisteria Dr. (near the abortion site). The abortionist appeared to have stopped working there during Nov. & Dec. Unfortunately, he returned in early Jan.

If your council or church would like to host a pro-life Mass, the State Council is available to help with publicity, suggestions, and after-Mass speakers. Even if you do not need the State Council's help, let them know of your activity. For more information, contact Mike Furst at mfurst1@yahoo.com.

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

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

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Hail Mary, Lady of Peace, we pray for the peace in our world; make us peacemakers.

Hail Mary, Friend of Common People, unite us across economic lines; together let us raise up the cause of the oppressed.

Hail Mary, Mother of Mexico, help us both appreciate Latin America's culture and work to end its poverty.

Hail Mary, Mother of the Infant Jesus, we pray for all children who are victims of war and hunger; let us stand for them.

Hail Mary, Wife of the Carpenter, Joseph, we pray for the rights of hardworking laborers in all the world; let their dignity be recognized.

Hail Mary, Woman of All Generations, move us to speak for the elderly who lack adequate health care and shelter.

Hail Mary, Homeless Mother, we pray for those without homes; let us advocate for affordable housing.

Hail Mary, Lady of All Colors, show us how to love all people by challenging racism and discrimination.

Hail Mary, Mother of Our World, make us global citizens, working for justice and well-being in all the world.

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

THE FUTURE OF FAITH

Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight



Recently, I had the opportunity to view Martin Scorsese's new film, *Silence*, about two Jesuit missionaries who travel to Japan during the terrible 17th-century persecution of Christians there. They make the journey seeking to disprove rumors that a more senior Jesuit missionary in Japan has publicly renounced the faith.

Silence is based upon the 1966 novel of the same name by the late Japanese Catholic author Shusaku Endo. The book raises profound questions regarding the challenge to Christian faith in the midst of suffering and a hostile culture. The most obvious is suggested by the film's title: How are we to understand the silence of God amid great suffering and evil?

This is one of the deepest questions of our time, and it is explored in works about the Holocaust such as Elie Wiesel's book *Night* (1956) and Steven Spielberg's film *Schindler's List* (1993).

Catholics have also long admired three exceptional films that have masterfully dealt with the question of conscience and martyrdom: *Becket* (1964), *A Man for All Seasons* (1966), and *The Mission* (1986). Now, 30 years after the last of these, a fourth must be added to the list: *Silence*.

Some Catholics might wish that a film exploring this topic did not involve a plot about the apostasy of priests. But Scorsese has made a beautiful and important film, one that raises many profound moral and spiritual questions. He said making the film was a sort of "pilgrimage" for him.

Catholics should see his film in just this way — as a kind of pilgrimage, as a challenging and at times uncomfortable spiritual journey that can deepen our understanding and living of the faith.

Silence could not be more relevant today as globalization presents new challenges to the Church's mission of evangelization.

During one of the film's highpoints there is an exchange between two Jesuit missionaries. The younger Jesuit asserts that Christianity is universally true — if it is not true in every culture, then it cannot be true for any. But the older one replies that Christianity cannot take root in Japan.

The reality is, however, that thousands of Japanese had become Christians and endured horrible torture and death rather than renounce their faith. But to this fact, the older Jesuit claims that these Japanese martyrs do not really understand the faith; they embrace a mere shell of Christianity.

There is something deeply troubling about this scene,

where the sophisticated, highly educated Westerner rationalizes his abandonment of Christianity, while "wretched" Japanese peasants willingly give their lives for their faith.

In many places in the West today, the light of Christian faith is diminishing, while throughout much of the rest of the world Christianity is growing stronger. This is especially true in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, where many Christians are being persecuted and killed because of their faith.

That *Silence*, written by a Japanese Catholic, would have such impact in the West should tell us something important about the future of global Christianity.

Years ago, I visited the Hawaiian island of Molokai on a private pilgrimage in the footsteps of Father Damien. The "leper priest" was canonized in 2009, and the "colony" he served still exists on the island, with an active Catholic church.

I will never forget seeing a photo of a woman of Japanese descent who suffered from leprosy. She prayed the rosary many times a day. When she no longer had fingers, she held the rosary beads with her toes. Finally, when this, too, became impossible, she would have the rosary placed in her mouth and moved the beads with her tongue.

I thought of this woman as I reflected on the questions raised by *Silence*: How can Christianity take root in non-Western cultures? What is the meaning of suffering in the midst of God's silence? Can the sophisticated learn faith from the poor and suffering? What is the impact of globalization on the solidarity of Christians?

Christians will need to contend with these questions in the coming years, and how we do so will determine in many ways the future of Christianity. Through our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, Knights of Columbus are already providing concrete answers on all these fronts. And we must continue.

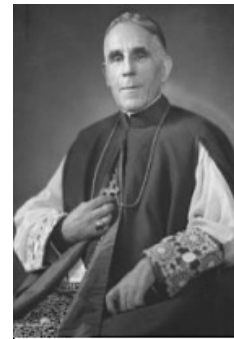
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CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

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McNamara Chapter Marshall – Jack Giacalone



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. Upcoming Events:

EVENT: Past Chapter President's Ball
DATE: 03/19/2017 **TIME:** 3PM
ATTIRE: Black Tie
PLACE: Sacred Heart Council #2577
Boswell Hall, 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie,
MD 20715-4302

EVENT: Chapter Meeting
DATE: 03/15/2017 **TIME:** 8PM
PLACE: Saint Mary's Council #1470
41605 Fenwick St, Leonardtown, MD 20650

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage is a Christian devotional practice with an ancient tradition and history. The faithful go on pilgrimage by journeying to shrines and sacred places to pray there and draw closer to God. Saint John Paul II explained, “pilgrimage was a process of conversion, a yearning for intimacy with God and a trusting plea for their material needs. For the Church, pilgrimages, in all their multiple aspects, have always been a gift of grace.”

DATE: Saturday, April 1, 2017
TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: 3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 PM Lunch and Reflections by Poland Associate State Chaplain Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj on the St. John Paul II National Shrine and the Knights of Columbus in Poland.
2:00 PM Tours and Confessions
3:30 PM Holy Rosary
4:00 PM Vigil Mass concelebrated by Maryland State Chaplain Rev. Jason Worley and Poland Associate State Chaplain Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj is the Head of the Department of Theology at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland. His special interest lies in the problems associated with genetic research and includes issues of natural law, models of bioethics and ethics of virtue. He was the first Chaplain of the first Knights of Columbus Council in Poland (No. 14000 Pope John Paul II) which was established five years before Poland was organized as a State Council. He has served at the Poland Associate Chaplain since the jurisdiction was formed, and he is currently Priest in Residence at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Fr. Kraj has said, “...the world needs more men who pay witness through their actions to what it means to be a catholic.”

COST

Space is limited. The cost is \$20 per person, up to a maximum of \$75 per family. This offsets the cost of a boxed lunch and provides a donation to the shrine.

Make checks payable to Maryland State Council and send to: Tony Salvemini, State Warden, 905 Boom Way, Annapolis, MD 21401. For more information, email: a.ns@comcast.net or CALL: (410) 897-0670.

YOUTH NEWS

DGK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs
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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual council Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon. This exciting and fun event will occur on Saturday, April 8th, at 11 AM at St. Patrick's School. 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! Please call Joe Krempasky at 301-570-4891 by Thursday, April 6th, with the number and ages of your children who will attend.

Coming Soon: Marian's Welcome Springtime Party

On Council is planning a “Welcome Springtime” party for the Marian Assisted Living residents in Brookville, MD at their facility off Georgia Avenue. We'll bring light refreshments, games, small gifts, and music and spend 2 hours engaging our wonderful guests.

We need 8 to 10 Knights and Ladies to assist; if you can, please call Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-9308 or email: ssutko9208@aol.com.

Support our Council's “Food for Families” Program



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

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.



- * John Paul II Shrine Pilgrimage – SAT/MAR/04/2017 - Meet at 9:00AM at Our Lady of Grace Church
- * The Maryland March for Life – MON/MAR/13/2017
- * Annual Charter Dinner at the Golden Bull Restaurant in Gaithersburg – SAT/APR/15/2017

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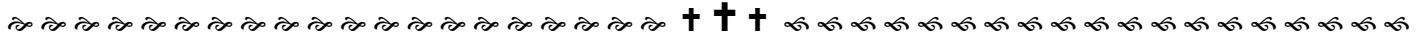
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- MAR 01 WED** **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- MAR 01 WED Ash Wednesday
- MAR 04 SAT John Paul II Shrine Pilgrimage, meet at 9:00AM at Our Lady of Grace Church
- MAR 08 WED** **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- MAR 11 SAT Mulch Sale Delivery
- MAR 12 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church - To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.
- MAR 12 SUN Daylight Savings Time begins.
- 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" with Deacon tom Cioffi, Our Lady of Grace Church, All Knights & Families welcome!



- APR 05 WED** **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- APR 08 SAT Easter Egg Hunt
- APR 09 SUN Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church - To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137
- APR 12 WED** **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- APR 14 FRI Good Friday
- APR 15 SAT Annual Charter Dinner at the Golden Bull Restaurant, Gaithersburg, Call Jack Giacalone, 301-774-6338
- APR 16 SUN Easter Sunday
- APR 19 WED McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, hosted at our Council
- APR 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- APR 26 WED** **Council Social** -7:30PM, Second Degree, Our Lady of Grace Church

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