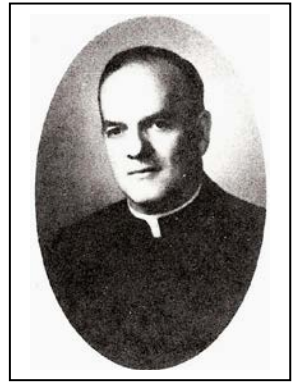


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Our Lady of Grace Church

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Wow, is it Lent already? Actually, it's three weeks later than last year, but it still seems to sneak up on us. We say goodbye to chocolate or our favorite adult beverage or whatever guilty pleasure in which we indulge; we forego meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent and, if we're healthy enough, wave bye-bye to three full meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; we sacrifice part of our Friday afternoons or evenings for the Stations of the Cross. And we patiently wait for Easter, so we can go back to all of the things we gave up, to return to "normal".

And these are all good things; better things if we do them with a heart that recognizes the lopsided comparison of our minor sacrifices with the heroic suffering of the One Who saved all of creation, when we compare our half-hearted intentions with the focused Love that chose us over His own life.

But better still, instead of just giving things up, we should do something positive. Maybe go to weekday Mass at least once a week; pray the Rosary every day; reach out to a family member or a friend or neighbor who could use a kind word or some help; participate in the Knights' Novena for Life at the end of the month; offer to help at your parish with some need like ushering at Mass; certainly to read our Council newsletter for opportunities to help out. There is a penitential spirit to Lent, with the idea of preparing to celebrate the greatest event in all history, the most important feasts in our Church calendar, the Sacred Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. But imagine if we adopted some positive practice during this Lent that we could carry on all year long – it would serve wonderfully as preparation for our celebration of

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

the Paschal Sacrifice one day in Heaven. God made us for this – He gave us earthly life to prepare for Heaven, to practice being gods, people who love others as God loves us, as Jesus loved us from the Cross.

As an added incentive – for every good, positive thing you do during this Lent, I give you permission to have a piece of chocolate, or one adult beverage. May God bless us all and make our Lent a holy one.

Fr. Jim

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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March 25 - The Annunciation of our Lord (Solemnity)

As we enter the season of Lent, we also enter into one of the holiest parts of the catholic liturgical year. The liturgical year starts with the First Sunday of Advent and concludes with the last week in Ordinary Time during which the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from his birth to his second coming.

There are many upcoming events to look forward to this month.

Remember that Ash Wednesday is March 6, and there will be several fish fries occurring in District 30.

Third period reports (December 1, through February 28) are due to Bill Van Horn NO LATER THAN MARCH 5. Report forms are on the State Website and must be signed by the Grand Knight and the District Deputy. Remember one report per category (Faith, Family, Community and Life.)

The State Basketball Free Throw Competition will be held on March 2 at Archbishop Spaulding High School. ONLY District Winners should participate in this competition.

The Spring Meeting for state officers is scheduled for March 15-17. This meeting will be held at Kent Narrows. The officers will return with plenty of new and updated information.

Family Fun Day at Hershey Park will be held on Sunday, April 28. Tickets are now available online.

The Catholic Men's Conference will take place on March 23 at St. Joseph's Church in Nottingham, MD. It runs from 7AM to 3:30PM. Additional information can be found online.

The preparation for the Spring District-wide Golf Outing is currently taking place. Besides golfers, we need sponsors, and helpers. (Gary Palmer - 2323 is the chairperson this year.)

Please be thinking of the next council formal recruitment drive and the retention of those members that we haven't seen in a while. Both Kevin Kennedy and I wish you all a happy and holy Lent.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK Steve Sutkowski, Grand Knight

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I would like to thank Ed Shaffer, Don Hemke, and all of the crew who helped out at the Pancake and Sausage event with the Olney Lions on Saturday, February 23. Things went well with a good time had by all of our hungry consumers. I appreciate also the work that same day by Kevin Kennedy in setting up and conducting the District Free Throw competition at St. Patrick's. Our thanks to the Admission and Formation Degree teams and all who participated in our degree ceremonies on Wednesday, February 27. And finally, a tip of the hat to our crew (Jack, Don, Walt, John, and Ed) who provided the Pasta dinner at St. Peter's for those who were impacted by the shutdown and others who provided donations.

Please support the various activities as noted in this newsletter, and there are two new programs I would like to bring to your attention. The first is the Consecration of the Holy Family being led by Joe Feakes and Fred Taylor, and also the Novena for Life led by Steve Goldhammer. Both of these are required programs within our Faith in Action structure, but they also bring us back to the basics of what our organization is all about. Both programs are massive in scope for coordination, manpower demands, and planning, so I ask that our council members support these brothers in these new council initiatives.

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

Fraternally

Steve Sutkowski

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

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NEW MEMBERS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR ORDER!

I'll say that again: New members are the life blood of our Order! I think everyone agrees with that, don't you? New members give the council more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for throughout the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man and maybe, just as importantly, it infuses the council with new and fresh ideas.

Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

Lead with Faith – becoming a better Catholic man, father and husband through prayer, study and encouragement from fellow brother Knights.

Serve Others – This is where many councils, such as Fr. Peter Paul Maher, excel...they do much to support the local community needs.

Defend Your Values – From the March for Life activities, to the Christian Refugee Relief fund, to the Ultrasound program, new members can get involved in issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our hurting world.

Protect Your Family – This includes the Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year, and of course the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and savings products. As you know, I spend a considerable amount of time with my assigned members to update their Family Service Record and make sure the family is secure no matter what the situation they may face.

With so much good, why can membership be a challenge? Maybe it's been my approach. I often assumed other men would want to join to help us, the council. But shouldn't I be inviting men to join to help them? Help them along in their faith journey...help them discover the joy of being of service to others...help them become a better Catholic man?

So the next time I ask a Catholic man about becoming a member of the Knights, I'm going to tell him about why I became a member, what it has meant to me, how I'm better for it and how I've made the world just a little bit of a better place because of my membership in the Knights of Columbus. Then I will ask him what he is looking for...I think no matter what he says, I'll have a solution for it...right here in this council.

FAITH IN ACTION

Fred Taylor, Chairman, Faith Programs

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An event coming in May that you don't want to miss is the presentation and dinner for persecuted Christians. This is an issue that requires our attention and our help to those being persecuted for their Faith. Look for this event in May at Our Lady of Grace Church. Our communion breakfast, again led by Jack Giacalone will also take place in May. I hope to see you there for Mass, followed by a special presentation and breakfast.

Keep watch for and support these upcoming events. Remember to contribute to the support of our Seminarians. We have two matching challenges in place, one for \$1000 and another for \$500 that have been posted by Brother Knights. Please take the time to care for and love each other and to pray the Rosary frequently.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY

As part of our Faith in Action Family service programs, we have instituted our Food For Families program. We will be collecting food for St. Martin's Pantry, who provides food to needy families.

There will be a box at all meetings for collecting food items. All food must be unexpired, sealed items. Items in shortest supply are canned soup, canned fruit, pasta sauce, "meals in a can (canned pasta, canned chili, etc.) and dry, unsweetened cereal. So, when you are grocery shopping this month, pick up an item or two and help feed those in need.

YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP CARD

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

Have you been wondering where your 2019 Membership Travel Card is after paying your 2019 dues obligation back in January and early February? Well I just learned an important lesson about today's computer software capabilities. The Council can only assure its email communications with you, the membership, get sent from the council, but that does not mean our email was received and read by you! Even worse, I just learned the last few days that many of you who took our advice and used the website to pay your dues and/or make donations to the council did not have your payment/donation processed correctly! You probably did nothing wrong. Beginning last December, about 40 percent of the notifications I get with every website financial transaction have been sent to my SPAM folder instead of my email inbox by my email provider! That also suggests that if you have not received a dues notice this year, you might go back and check your SPAM folder too! The delay in getting your payments processed and getting your membership cards is now back to normal turn around. The 2nd dues notices will be mailed out (hard copy) to you in early March! Please do not stop using the website, it is working just fine! We thank you in advance

MULCH SALE

We are currently planning to hold another Mulch Sale tentatively scheduled for March 23 (Saturday). The details and coordination for both trucks and volunteers are presently in progress, but please help us in supporting this effort. Contact information and further details will be provided on our website and through council email notifications.

CHARTER DINNER

We are pleased to announce that Homer Chen has graciously offered to host our Council Chapter Dinner at the legacy Asian restaurant in Gaithersburg where so many past dinners have been enjoyed by our council. The specific date in April is still being planned, and additional details plus announcements on the website and next newsletter will be provided. All are invited to what will be a great time.

FREE THROW COMPETITION

The District Free Throw competition was held on Saturday February 23 at St. Patricks' gym. Unfortunately, our competitors did not advance to the State final. The State Final is Saturday March 2 at Archbishop Spaulding High School in Severn, MD.

We have a tentative date at St. Patrick's for January 11, 2020 for our Council competition. Watch for the advertising in upcoming newsletters!

CHURCH NEWS

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OUR LADY OF GRACE

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

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Museum of the Bible Bus Trip

On Tuesday April 2, you will want to take advantage of an awesome bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. The trip is fast approaching so secure your tickets through Eyre Travel by calling 800-321-3973, ext. 4. Seats are assigned on the coach when you make your reservation.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Trivia Night

St. Peter's adults (ages 21 and older) will gather together in the parish center for a night of trivia fun. The cost will be \$30, and the proceeds will go to the Youth Ministry. There will be 7 trivia rounds, 2 drink tickets, snacks, and a cash bar.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



So Others May Eat (SOME)

Our S.O.M.E. collection will be Saturday, March 2 from 9:45 to noon and Sunday, March 3 from 8:45 to 9:30 AM. at the Parish Center. Please donate your uncut Sunday Supplement coupon sheets (removed from the plastic bag) during the S.O.M.E. food collection or to the usher's room at the main entrance of the church.

Little Disciples in Action

On Saturday March 9 (10:00 AM to noon), our children will meet in the Parish Center to make Easter care packages to be mailed overseas to US troops. Please RSVP to stpatlittledisciples@gmail.com or call 970-343- 2944.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861
"WE STICK TOGETHER!"

SK Edward Day, 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.

Should you be interested in becoming a member of the Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree, of the Knights of Columbus, the next degree exemplification opportunity is scheduled for April 6 at Our Lady of the Mills Catholic Church, 800 Main Street. Laurel MD 20770.

Report time for candidates is 9AM. Exemplification begins at 11AM. The cost is \$70 per candidate. For more information, contact Joe Feakes at josephfeakes@aol.com or 301-774-0137.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Programs
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My Brother Knights and families, by the time you receive this newsletter we will have already entered the season of Lent, a time of reflection and numerous opportunities to seek forgiveness.

Speaking for myself, there is no doubt that this Knight of Columbus must take a serious evaluation of his spiritual life, how it appears on the outside and how it is practiced on the inside.

I encourage all who read this newsletter to do the same. Not so very long ago, we as families all came together to celebrate Christmas and I encouraged our readers not to let that experience wane.

That being said, this Lenten Season gives each of us an added opportunity to enhance the experience of Christmas and family unity. Please allow this Season to bring forgiveness and reconciliation to your life, not only with those you see in the flesh but also with Jesus who is with you in Spirit as well as in the sacraments.

Our Church is always open, as are the arms of Jesus. Please do not let these opportunities go by. Pray for yourself and our entire Catholic family.

Fraternally,

Joe Feakes, Family Chairman

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita	Pastor/St. Peter's Church
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	Past Chaplain/Council 6793
Kayla MacBride	Niece/Fr. Kalita
Bill Gulban	Brother Knight
Barbara Mazonkey	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Robert (Bob) Horrell PGK	Brother Knight
Lorraine McIntosh	Mother-in-law/ Steve Goldhammer
Rae Romano	Mother/ Chris Romano
Hunter Shaffer	Brother/ Ed Shaffer
Jerry Hayden	Brother Knight
Dale Trott	Maryland State Deputy
Chuck Cozad	Brother Knight
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Cheng-Pen Shiu	12/4/2018

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

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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- **March 4, 2019 – Maryland March for Life**, Annapolis, 4:30PM to 9:30PM. For more information, go to www.mdmarchforlife.com.

Life is under serious attack in Maryland. There are two issues currently before the Maryland General Assembly that not only violate Catholic teachings but threaten the lives of our youngest and oldest people.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Richard E Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer End-of – Life Option Act is currently being considered by the House of Delegates (HB399) and by the State Senate (SB311). Similar bills have been defeated three times in the past, but the pro-death lobby has successfully had it introduced for a fourth time. Two hearings have been scheduled for the bill: on Friday, February 15, the House Judicial Committee will hear the bill, and on Tuesday, February 19, the Senate Judiciary Proceedings committee will hear the bill.

Compassion & Choices, once known as the Hemlock Society, is a national pro-euthanasia organization. On January 29, it organized over 150 supporters, volunteers and staff, who canvassed the halls of the Assembly, lobbying to gain support for the bill.

The Maryland Catholic Conference, which is the legislative arm of the bishops in Maryland, is working with the Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide Coalition to defeat the end of life bill.

ABORTION

Maryland House Speaker Michael Busch, on February 8, introduced legislation (HB1031) that would make abortion a constitutional "right" in Maryland. Thus, even if Roe v. Wade is ever overturned, abortion would continue to be legal in Maryland and no state law could curtail it. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Assembly, it would be a ballot issue for Maryland voters in 2020. The Maryland Catholic Conference opposes the bill

WHAT EVERYONE CAN DO

Check out the documentary, The Dignity Mandate, which discusses the issue in detail; it can be found at www.TheDignityMandate.org.

Check out the Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide website for the facts as they apply to Maryland. Go to: <https://stopassistedsuicidemd.org/about/opponents>.

Sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network of the Maryland Catholic Conference to keep updated on legislative issues from a Catholic perspective. Go to: <https://www.mdcatholic.org/joincan>.

Attend the Maryland March for Life on March 4. State pro-life legislators will be in attendance. It begins at St. Mary's parish at 109 Duke of Gloucester St. A Youth Rally will be held at 4:30PM, followed by a simultaneous Catholic Mass and a Protestant Prayer Service at 5:15PM. The March to Lawyer's Mall will start at 6:30PM, with the Rally at 7:00PM. A complimentary Chick-fil-A dinner will then be available at St. Mary's parish school. The speakers at the Rally include: Ryan Bomberger (Radiance Foundation) and Kelly Stauffer (Silent No More Awareness Campaign). Jonny Brenns, an American Idol Finalist, will provide musical entertainment. For more information, go to <https://www.mdmarchoforlife.com>

Send a letter or email to your state representatives expressing your concern about the legislation. Suggestions for contacting your legislators (in person, by letter or email) can be found at the Maryland Right to Life website <https://www.mdrtl.org/Contact%20Your%20Legislators.html>. You can learn who your elected state representatives are at www.mdelect.net.

Fast and pray at least one day a week for the remainder of the General Assembly's session (it ends April 8) that these bills are defeated. It would be a fine Lenten intention.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

The spring campaign of 40 Days for Life will run from March 6 (Ash Wednesday) to April 14 (Palm Sunday), from 7AM to 7PM daily. There will be vigils held in Bethesda at Leroy Carhart's AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Local Coordinator: Jill Gadwood, 40DaysBethesda@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK IN PRO-LIFE

Maryland Right to Life is seeking a high school student for a training and volunteer work experience as an intern in its Annapolis office. There are needs in social media marketing, computer data entry, special event planning and execution, and general office support. For more information, contact Julie Bass at Julie@mdrtl.org or call 410-269-6397.

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is seeking a Community Development Coordinator to work closely with the Executive Director in the development and implementation of a fundraising and community outreach program. Time commitment is 9 – 5 three days/week. Interested candidates should send resumes to director@pregnancy-options.org or call Julie Stippich at 301-963-6223.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knight of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to every life to every human being - from the moment of inception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, our council will promote and conduct a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes and homes.

This program will be anchored at the beginning and end of the nine days with a rosary and light refreshments at Our Lady of Grace church at 7:30PM. on March 27 which is our social meeting, as a beginning and the 9:10AM. Mass at St. Patrick's church on Saturday, April 6 for an ending event. Steve Goldhammer is leading this effort which includes ordering promotional materials, coordination with our churches, and publication and promotion of the program. Getting the word out and educating our parish families of this program will be key to its success. Please contact Steve at 301-570-9613 or at SEGoldham@aol.com to help and to answer any questions. Many thanks.

BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR \$1500 Matching Challenge

Two anonymous council brother knights have again issued a challenge to all brother knights. They will match all donations to the council Seminarian Scholarship Fund up to \$1500 from January 2019 through May 2019!

The council welcomes the opportunity again to respond to the most gracious generosity of our council brother knights!



REFLECTIONS

If Catholics were Catholics (by Lawrence P. Grayson)

"All the evils of the world are due to lukewarm Catholics," said Pope St. Pius V. While the events of the past several weeks demonstrate the truth of this statement, it may be more accurate to say they are due to apostatizing Catholics, that is, to those who abandon, reject or stray from the tenets of their faith.

With actions in several states to legalize late-term abortion, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was recently introduced in the U.S. Congress. The bill would not restrict a woman's ability to have an abortion nor affect any health care she may require. Rather, it states that if a child is born alive following an abortion – and is now an independent human being outside of its mother's womb -- that it be given the same degree of medical care to preserve its life and health as would be given to any other newborn.

The bill faced severe opposition. First, Patty Murray, a Catholic, blocked a vote in the Senate. Then, under the leadership of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic, a vote on the measure was blocked seven times in the House of Representatives. When a vote finally was taken in the Senate on February 25 to break a filibuster, it was defeated with 10 Catholics voting against the bill.

One of those Catholics was Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, who was quickly criticized by Bishop Barry C. Knestout of the Diocese of Richmond and Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. They said that the outcome was "appalling and beyond comprehension," and that they were "outraged" that the state's two senators "voted against this critical lifesaving legislation."

These are not the only high-profile political office holders who profess to be Catholic, while opposing the Church's teachings. They are only the latest ones who have taken prominent action.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, a professed Catholic, recently signed The Reproductive Health Act into law, which allows abortions to be performed throughout a woman's entire pregnancy, permits non-physicians to perform them, and removes all criminal penalties for the procedure. In a display of arrogance, Cuomo signed the act on January 22, the anniversary of the enactment of *Roe v. Wade*, and celebrated by having the World Trade Center bathed in pink lights.

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo, who identifies as Catholic, is supporting an abortion bill similar to that of New York, which recently was introduced into the state's House of Delegates.

In Maryland, where abortion is already legal throughout a woman's pregnancy, the speaker of the state's House of Delegates, Michael Busch, introduced a bill to enshrine abortion as a woman's right in the state constitution, which would preclude any laws to restrict abortion from being passed in the future. Busch is a cradle Catholic who left the faith a few years ago. With strong public opposition, Busch withdrew the bill on February 23, but said he would reintroduce it next year when the reaction to the New York law diminishes.

In Virginia, Delegate Kathy Tran, a proclaimed Catholic, introduced a bill to allow abortion, even, she said, when a woman is in labor and about to give birth. The state governor, a non-Catholic and pediatric neurologist, commenting on the bill, said that if a "severely deformed or otherwise non-viable" child was delivered "a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother" to consider possible termination options. Hence, even infanticide would be allowed as a medical option under a bill proposed by a Catholic.

But this is no less draconian than a child who survives a failed abortion, is not given medical care and allowed to die. Abortion is a violent and brutal act, conducted by people who are willing to kill children, not only in the womb, but increasingly after being delivered alive.

Pope Francis recently said, "Last century, the whole world was scandalized by what the Nazis did to purify the race. Today, we do the same thing but with white gloves." How has humanity become so degraded that children in the womb are routinely killed and treated as disposable? How can physicians who have taken the Hippocratic Oath to do no harm ignore the cries of a newborn infant who needs their attention? How have mothers gotten to the point where the quality of their lives is more important than life itself for their children?

Nancy Pelosi typifies the attitude of too many Catholic politicians. In an interview a few years ago, she stated: "I grant the Church where they are on abortion. That's where they are, that's where they have to be. But my faith isn't about what their position is."

Sen. Tim Kaine expressed a similar view, stating: "I've taken a position which is quite common among Catholics. I've got a personal feeling about abortion, but the right role for government is to let women make their own decisions." This attitude of misguided toleration that too many Catholic politicians express is embraced because it imposes no obligation on them to publicly live the faith, and does not interfere with their drive for political success.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently wrote, "I do not see how it is possible to build a culture of life in America as long as our elected officials harden their hearts to the cries of unborn children." The way forward is clear.

Pope Francis in his exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, stated, "Our defense of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred."

Responding to that call, Carl Anderson declared: "You will not see a reed bending here... On this issue [of life] we will not yield. We will never give in. The Knights of Columbus will never abandon the field." Neither should any faithful Catholic.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

[Website: <http://kofcknights.org/ChapterSite/?D=103>]

McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport



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

March Chapter Meeting

Date: March 20, 2019
Time: 8PM
Location: Saint Mary's Council #1470, 41605 Fenwick St. Leonardtown, MD

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

IT'S MORE THAN A TOOTSIE ROLL

(by Andrew Fowler)



When you see Knights in yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights are holding their bright cans and collecting donations around town, they are helping to recognize the dignity of every person.

For every donation, each donor is offered a piece of candy by the Knight present, most commonly a Tootsie Roll. Because of these little gifts of appreciation, the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" is frequently referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." It is a popular and successful fundraiser conducted by Knights of Columbus councils.

Supreme Council's headquarters in New Haven, Conn. is often referred to as the "Tootsie Roll building" by locals because of its round columns and brown color, but the Knights

actually have no official ties to Tootsie Roll Industries. And of course, the campaign, which stretches back decades, is about more than just candy — it is about serving those with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Councils' participation in this campaign as well as many other fund-raising endeavors last year contributed \$185 million and volunteered over 75 million hours last year helping various causes.

Through their "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" drives, Knights from Maine raised over \$95,000, Fr. Maurice R. Daly Council 6076 from Spartanburg, S.C. donated \$12,000 raised and Wally Kullman Council 14479 from Conifer, Colo. brought \$10,000. These are just a few of the many councils that hold drives.

The Knights of Columbus not only conducts the "Tootsie Roll Drives" in their efforts to help people with intellectual and physical disabilities, but has also partnered with the Special Olympics since its founding along with other programs.

This month, Mary Help of Christians Council 11804 donated over \$5,000 to the Hope Services Day Programs in Watsonville, Ca., completing a six-week effort at five local churches. Hope Services' manager, Mauna Loa Morris, said the funds the Knights provided "means that we can do more activities in the community," in an article published by the Register Pajaronian.

Earlier this year, Knights from St. George Council 3934 raised more than \$6,000 for the Fulton County Rehabilitation Center in Canton, IL. Meanwhile, Fr. Harold M. Wren Council 3963 from Billerica, Mass. presented a \$17,000 check to the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Charities Fund, becoming the top fundraiser in the state for the ninth consecutive year.

St. Frances Cabrini Council 9679 helped the Yupcaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District, raising \$3,200 for children with special needs. As one school teacher told the News Mirror, "This will help them learn those skills to help them become independent at one point."

After receiving a donation from Holyoke Council 3519, directors at the Dragon's Wagon Preschool in Holyoke, Colo. told the Holyoke Enterprise, "The Knights of Columbus are so generous every year...This donation will benefit all of the preschool, including special needs students."

Some councils conduct the drives annually, including Annunciata Council 8759 from Devil Hills, N.C. On January 21, the Knights distributed checks worth \$24,100 in total to special education teachers in the area and the Special Olympics to be used for classrooms and events, respectively. In the past 30 years, the council has raised over \$400,000 through their "Tootsie Roll Drives."

"We are answering needs for those who are often treated harshly by society and often ignored or worse," said Dennis Zegan, grand knight of Council 8759. "In many schools, Special Needs Programs are often low on school districts' budgets and local Special Olympics are always looking for funds to meet the financial needs to participate in their many programs."

So, the next time you see a Knight in a yellow vest asking for donations outside a grocery store, and you receive a Tootsie Roll, remember it's more than a "Tootsie Roll Drive." It's a chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life.

Knights of Columbus

Golf Tournament

(Need not be a member of the Knights of Columbus)

Scramble Format for, men, women and mixed couples

Laytonsville Golf Club
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MAR 20 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, 8PM, Saint Mary's Council #1470, 41605 Fenwick St. Leonardtown, MD
MAR 21 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
MAR 23 SAT Mulch Sale
MAR 27 WED **Social Meeting**, 7:30 P.M. Kickoff rosary and light refreshments for the Novena for Life at Our Lady of Grace Church
MAR 29 FRI Knights of Columbus Founder's Day



- APR 3 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
APR 6 SAT Fourth Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of the Mills Catholic Church, 800 Main Street. Laurel MD 20770. Report time for candidates is 9AM
APR 10 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
APR 13 SAT Easter Egg Hunt, Saint Patrick's, 11AM
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APR 24 WED **Social Meeting**
APR 27 SAT Charter Dinner (tentative date)

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