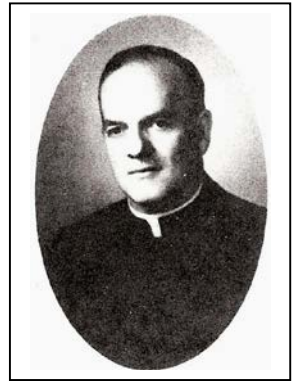


Father Maher's Knightly News



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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 May is, of course, traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. We were all given the gift of a rosary as we entered to Order. May I encourage you to pray it with increased devotion during May? Many of our parishes also have special May devotions or processions to honor Mary. On May 13, the Church will mark the 100th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima. This special feast day, to be celebrated here at Our Lady of Grace at the 9:00 am Mass that day, calls us to pray fervently for peace in our world. I close by entrusting you to Mary's maternal care. In the meantime, be sure of my prayers for you.

Sincerely, Monsignor Essex

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Stephen E. Goldhammer, District Deputy (30)
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"Wherever there is a loving family, that family with its witness of love is capable of warming the heart of an entire city." Pope Francis

Thanks to all who attended the Council's 41st Charter Dinner on April 23, the very informative D18 Christian Solidarity Action Committee meeting on April 27 at Rock Creek Council, the

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

fun District-wide golf tournament on April 28, and the outstanding State Family Fun Day at Hershey Park on April 30.

As some of you already are aware, Past State Deputy Bill Kuchmas is suffering from a debilitating illness and his two sons are also seriously ill. In support of the Kuchmas family, the State Council is sponsoring an 'all you can eat' Bull/Oyster/Shrimp Feast fundraising dinner, with open bar, at Columbus Gardens, the Cardinal Gibbons Council hall in Baltimore from 1:00-5:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 3. The cost is a very reasonable \$41/person. The State Council is also raffling a 50-inch big screen TV. Tickets are \$10 each. I have tickets for both. Checks should be written to 'Maryland State Council.' Please call me at (301) 570-9613 or see me at a meeting to purchase either or both to support this very worthwhile fraternal activity.

A very Happy Mother's Day to all of our spouses and moms! Your support of your husband's/son's KofC activities is heartily appreciated.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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

The arrival of May reminds us that we are quickly approaching the end of this fraternal year! Elaine and I continue to enjoy all we do with you to support our Council, Church, and Community. Our prospective Grand Knight, Fred Whitman, is planning for our upcoming fraternal year and contacting Knights to lead Activities, Committees, and Events. Please support Fred and our Council in our upcoming year with the same commitment and enthusiasm you have shown me over the last two years.

My thanks to Joe Krempasky for his leadership of our Council's 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This was an outstanding event well supported by many Knights and Ladies. It lifted my heart to see the parents and their children, truly warm and loving

families, having a great time together at that event. We had visits by Father Foley and Kathy Krempasky, our Easter Bunny. Kathy was overwhelmed with attention by the nearly 80 children participating in this event. Everyone received goody bags and prizes were plentiful.

Jack Giacalone and I again participated in the Scholarship Mass and Ceremony at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. This is an annual event at the High School where all Juniors are prepared to assume their responsibilities as the new Senior Class. We were honored to participate and make a \$1,000 award to an exceptional young Lady. We wish her all success and happiness.

Our Charter Dinner went off without a hitch. We distributed award letters and checks to each of three Charities that we support with funds collected through our Help for the Intellectually Disabled Program (Tootsie Roll Campaign). We all celebrated our Council and enjoyed delicious food and fellowship.

An upcoming event to put on your calendar is our annual Spring party for the Marian Assisted Living residents on May 21. This is always a great event and the residents are engaging, interesting and they appreciate this social afternoon. You can't imagine the conversations and fun you will have at this party! Please contact Steve Sutkowski to volunteer for this event (ssutko9208@aol.com).

One other event to keep your eyes open for. Elaine and I are again this year organizing a Council Art Show. It will be in August at a local Studio and we hope you will be at the opening reception on August 4, and then continue to view the work at your leisure during the month. Perhaps you will find a piece that must be in your home and in that way you will be supporting our Seminarian Fund and our Scholarship Program.

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

"WE STICK TOGETHER!"

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

Advertisement for Knights of Columbus Insurance. It features a portrait of Patrick B. McAleer, FICF, PGK, on the left. To the right, the text reads: "Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE". Below that, it says "Patrick B. McAleer, FICF, PGK". Contact information includes: "Bus: 301-253-3856", "Cell: 301-802-5850", and "patrick.mcaleer@kofc.org". At the bottom, it says "Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance". A small tagline at the bottom right reads: "Protecting Catholic families since 1882."

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 17 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



A PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA

On Saturday May 13, fellow parishioners join Father Qureshi as they travel to visit two National Shrines--Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel. Saint John Neumann was a preacher to the poor. Also, he was the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia and the first American male to be canonized. St. Katharine Drexel, was the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. The trip will begin at St. Peter's Church at 6:45 AM and return by 7:00PM. For more information, please contact the office of Adult Faith Formation (301) 774-0162.

From November 6-16, 2017, there will be a Pilgrimage to Italy. Interested? Get your detailed color brochure by contacting the tour organizer, Debbie Vanzego, at dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com. The standard cost per person is \$3,079.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



Saturday (May 13), we will be entering the Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing. Women suffering the negative emotions of their abortions will speak in a non-judgmental atmosphere about their traumas. Hurry, registration will end May 5. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry (301) 982-2008 or hope@DW.org. On Sunday May 14 (from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM) the MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER will be held at The Saint John Paul II Seminary 145 Taylor St, NE. The events will include an evening Mass, a dinner, and a discussion of the priesthood with priest, seminarians, and other young men. For more information, please contact the Director of Priest Vocation, Father Mark Ivany (202) 636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. To register online at www.dcpriest.org.

FAMILY NEWS

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CAN WE HELP A BROTHER KNIGHT?

One of our Council families is in distress and in need of our help. Please open your hearts and contribute to a fund to help support them in this time of need. You may make donations for this Brother Knight and his family by sending a check to our financial secretary, Don Hemke at 18729 Willow Grove Road, Olney, MD, 20832-1225.

Checks should be made out to Fr Maher Council #6793 and place "Family in Need" in the memo section. You can also donate via our web – www.kofc6793.org and contributing electronically, select "Make a Donation" then select "Make a Donation to Fr. Maher Council" on the next screen at the top you will see "(+) Add special instructions to the seller", click on the (+) and type "FAMILY IN NEED". then complete the form to make your donation.

Please pray for the Lord to Bless this family.

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

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Marian House Spring Festival



Our council will host the Marian House Spring Festival on May 21(Sunday) at 2:00 PM. This is a great tradition with various activities, treats, musical entertainment, and prizes for the residents. I am looking for about 8 people to assist with set-up, guest visiting, serving refreshments, etc. Please contact Steve Sutkowski at ssutko9208@aol.com if you would like to help.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Membership
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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.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

SK Stephen Goldhammer, Chairman, Culture of Life
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On March 30, newly appointed Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop Mark Brennan blessed a new ultrasound machine at Mary’s Center, a Catholic pregnancy care center in Glen Burnie. The unit was donated by the Maryland State Council, with the assistance of St. Philip Neri Council 14612. To date, 20 such units have been donated to pregnancy care centers throughout the state.

In the four Sunday-Wednesday periods of March in which he is in Germantown, Carhart performed 46 abortions: 19 one-day procedures, 14 two-day, 6 three-day, and 7 four-day. The later the gestational age of a baby, the longer is the procedure. The good news is that there were 6 saves last month. Mass continues to be offered every Saturday in an office with a wall that abuts the abortion clinic.

Every Thursday-Saturday, Carhart performs abortions at his facility in Bellevue, Nebraska, where late-term procedures are prohibited. Folks there report that in the last three weeks of March, he performed 95 abortions. On March 24 – his 16th consecutive day of work -- a patient who was in her 17th week of pregnancy was evacuated by ambulance to a nearby hospital emergency room. Carhart showed his concern for her health by seeing five more patients the following day. The 75-year old abortionist has killed one abortion patient and hospitalized at least 15 others in the past five years.

Legend has it that St. Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland. It is no legend, however, that on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, the Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facility in Silver Spring closed its doors. After 20 years of operation, pro-life activists persuaded the property management company not to renew Planned Parenthood's lease using a narrowly-targeted educational campaign. Abortion is not good for neighboring businesses. With prayers and peaceful protest, and God’s help, we'll close every abortion facility.

On March 30, Vice President Mike Pence voted to break a tie in the U.S. Senate to overturn a regulation forcing states to give Title X money to organizations that commit abortions. This was the first abortion-related vote in the Senate since the 2015 vote on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The U.S. House had voted 230 to 188, on Feb. 16, to overturn this regulation. The bill does not require the President’s signature because Congress can undo any agency regulations within 60 legislative days of their enactment.

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 www.GaithersburgFertilityCare.org.

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

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
Michael Giacalone	Son/ Jack Giacalone
Jeanie Street	Wife/ James Street
Molly Chen	Friend/ Homer Chen
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Nick Mondell	Brother Knight
Steve Brody	Friend/ Don Hemke
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 Members
Paul Aloï	Friend/ Robert Amato
Kevin Hartinger	Son/ Brother Knight
Barbara Campanero	Friend Don Hemke
Bill Gulbin	Council Member
Eleanor Banford	Sister / Bob Mazonkey
Roger Stevens	Brother Knight
Deacon Tom Choffi	Council Member
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Ann Ketter	Wife/ Doug Ketter
Louise Boaz	Friend/ Innocent D’Almeida
DECEASED’S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Jay Whitman	April 11-2017
Teri Gaitis	April 8, 2017
Ron Kiss	April 8, 2017
Gary Urbanski	September 28, 2016
Dennis Urbanski	May 22, 2013

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

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council marked the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Order at a Mass on March 29 in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. The church is the site where Father Michael J. McGivney first gathered a group of Catholic men from the parish with the goal of providing for families of deceased breadwinners. March 29 marks the day when the organization received approval of its charter from the state of Connecticut in 1882.



Invocation by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

"There is something timeless about people who are holy, because their lives speak to each new generation. Such is the case with Father McGivney," Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore said in his **homily**. *"Father McGivney's priestly holiness is timeless and is just as relevant for us today as it was when he ministered to the people in this very church."*

The supreme chaplain continued that like Pope Francis' example of charity today, Father McGivney was a man of mercy and charity. Concelebrating with the archbishop were Msgr. J. Peter Cullen, Connecticut state chaplain; Dominican Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development and prior of St. Mary's Dominican Community; Dominican Father John Paul Walker, pastor of St. Mary's Parish; Father Joseph A. Marcello, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Trumbull and priest-secretary emeritus to the supreme chaplain; and Dominican Father Marek Domeradzki of Poland. Father Louis Bianco was the master of ceremonies.

Attending the Mass were relatives of Venerable Michael J. McGivney and Knights from Connecticut. John Walshe, great-grandnephew of Father McGivney, and Kay Walshe, were the gift bearers for the Mass. Brian V. Caulfield, vice-postulator for the cause for the canonization of Father McGivney, served as the lector.

After Mass, Archbishop Lori led supreme officers and their wives to the sarcophagus of Father McGivney located in the rear of the church, where they recited the Prayer for Canonization along with the congregation. The prayer was written in 2008, when the Vatican recognized the heroic virtue of Father McGivney and declared him a venerable Servant of God. A miracle attributed to his intercession is needed for him to advance to beatification.

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.

EVENT: Election of Officers
DATE: Wednesday, May 17
TIME: 8PM
PLACE: St. Elizabeth Council 12796

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



Maryland State Convention is MAY 4 through 7, 2017

This year the Maryland State Knights of Columbus Council has established a well organized specified website so all councils may get an early start on registration and full participation. Visit: <http://www.mdkocconvention.org>

YOUTH NEWS

DGK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a HUGE success again this year. Lots of small children running around making it hard for parents and Knights to keep up with them. Thanks to DW Joe Krempasky and GK Fred Taylor for their work putting together such a successful activity. And, of course, thanks to all the Knights and parents that ensured the fun and safety of the children.

Annual Spring Party

May 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM

at the

Marian Assisted Living Center

Brookeville, MD

Please contact Steve Sutkowski to volunteer for this event

Tel: 301-890-9308

Email: ssutko9208@aol.com



- * **Sunday, May 21 (2PM) Marian Spring Festival at Marian Assisted Living Center, Brookeville, MD. We need volunteers! Call Steve Sutkowski on 301-890-9308 or email him at ssutko9208@aol.com**
- * **Monday, May 29 (10:00AM) Memorial Day Mass, Gate of Heaven Cemetery - If you can help with "Traffic Control" at this event, contact Joe Feakes (301-774-0137) or Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891).**

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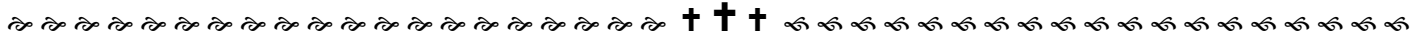
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God sent His Son to teach us that His love is always present in the air we breathe, the clouds in the sky, in a field of flowers and in the beauty that His hand created as nature.



- MAY 03 WED** Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- MAY 10 WED** Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- MAY 14 SUN** Mother's Day!
- MAY 14 SUN** Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.
- MAY 17 WED** McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, hosted by St. Elizabeth Council #12796, Election of Officers
- MAY 21 SUN** Marian Spring Festival at Marian Assisted Living Center, Brookeville, MD at 2PM
- MAY 24 WED** First Degree & Second Degree, 7PM & 8PM, Our Lady of Grace Church
- MAY 25 THU** Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- MAY 29 MON** Memorial Day Mass at Gate-of-Heaven Cemetery (10AM) Reception follows in the chapel. Volunteer Knights report by 9:15AM: Call Joe Feakes (301-774-0137) or Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891).



- JUN 07 WED** Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- JUN 11 SUN** Second Sunday, 7:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137
- JUN 14 WED** Flag Day – Fly your American Flag!
- JUN 14 WED** Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
- JUN 15 THU** Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861, **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall, Council #2323 at 8PM
- JUN 18 SUN** Father's Day!
- JUN 21 WED** McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights
- JUN 22 THU** Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 Business Meeting, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
- JUN 28 WED** Council Social, Spring Pot Luck Dinner, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, 7:30PM

► 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.)
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