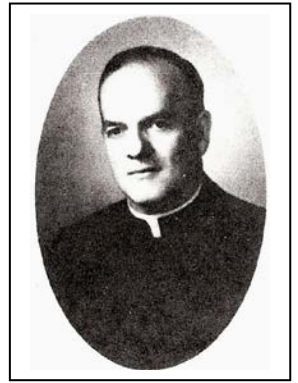


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor
Our Lady of Grace Church

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Happy Easter! It may seem a little late to bring such greetings, but Easter is really one glorious day, 50 days long, which ends on Pentecost. It's much too important a feast to limit to only one 24-hour period. As the summit of our church calendar, it is also the crowning achievement of God's love, that He sent His Son in that same love to open the gates of Heaven for us.

Also, May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Queen of the Knights of Columbus. We should always keep in mind Mary's admonition that, in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph. In a world that seems short on good news, that sometimes seems intentionally opposed to all that we believe, we must soldier on, knowing that Jesus' triumph over the prince of the world is already complete, but that there are too many who do not yet know the victory, who may not even know that the war for humanity's soul continues to be waged, who may yet be fooled by the lies of the devil to not take it seriously. Mary has continuously been at our side, guiding her children to victory. It is necessary that we wield her weapon, the Rosary, in our efforts to combat the efforts of evil to shake people's confidence in the love of God. As bride of the Holy Spirit, Mary continues to direct the graces of God to those who fight for God's Kingdom. Let us never lose faith, let us never weary – the triumph is God's.

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

During this holy month, let's make it a point to pray the rosary daily, whether it be one decade or twenty, for all of our brothers and sisters who still struggle with faith, who are still susceptible to the devil's lies. We tend to doubt the value of our prayers, but that, too, is the devil speaking – our prayers, joined with those throughout the world and in Heaven, are making wonderful things happen, making the Kingdom ever more present in the heart of humanity. May God continue to bless us all.

Fr. Jim

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Joseph F. Krempasky, District Deputy (30)

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May 6 - St. Benedicta - Mystic and nun. Benedicta lived in a convent founded by St. Gallia in Rome. Pope St. Gregory the Great states that St. Peter appeared in a vision to warn her of her approaching death.

Holy week has now passed, and our Lenten journey has ended for this calendar year, at sundown on Easter Day. Hopefully, our councils were able to take advantage of this to showcase the Knights to those men that we don't normally see on Sundays.

Some of you were able to attend the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793 at St. Patrick's Church. This has been an annual event for 13 years. The Easter bunny was there. The prizes and "goodie" bags were there. And, of course the kids were there. After a stormy night/morning, we were blessed with a glorious and sunny day. A terrific time was had by all.

Convention time is rapidly approaching. If you are fortunately able to attend, the District 30 hospitality suite is in room 237, and as always, the best food at the convention.

The annual Memorial Day mass will be held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery at 10:00 AM, on Monday, May 27.

Refreshments will be available for clergy, Knights, and honored guests.

Official visits for the second half of the fraternal year must be conducted between now and the first week of June. All reports to Supreme must be received by June 15. (first come, first served). Each council must have a copy of the last form 990 (IRS report).

Please remember that we must publish the list of nominees of potential council officers this month, so that we can meet the June deadlines. Along with this thought, the new Grand Knights should be thinking of dates for the formal installation of officers. Ideally, all District 30 installations should be concluded by July 30.

New Grand Knights, one of your first duties will be scheduling the Admissions and Formation Degrees for the new fraternal year. The sooner this is submitted, the better chance of getting approval.

As we head to the end of one fraternal year, and near the beginning of a new year, both District Warden, Kevin and I wish you the best.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK Steve Sutkowski, Grand Knight

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I would like to thank all of members and their families who lead and assisted our activities this past month too include the Easter Egg Hunt, Marion House Spring Festival, Holy Thursday at Our Lady of Grace, Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Patrick's, book distribution at St. Patrick's, and our Charter Dinner at the Silver Fountain Restaurant. At that Charter Dinner we also presented award letters to the Tootsie Roll fund recipients to include Rosaria Communities, Community Support Services, and Potomac resources who all were able to describe the great works of their organizations. I would also like to thank Joe Carter who was our new entertainer at the Marion House who stepped up at the last minute and whose singing and selections everyone enjoyed.

Speaking of St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Grace, I wanted to take the opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the work of our Color Corp members who have added dignity to many special Masses and events at our churches. These include such active members as Jack Giacalone, Fred Taylor, Chris Romano, James Street, Joe Feakes, Don Hemke, and Harry Bushar, and a special acknowledgement to George Silvas, the Grand Knight of Montgomery Council for joining the team on several occasions over these past months.

I would like to congratulate our members who have received their Third/Knighthood Degree these past couple of

months including Paul Boccabella (now also a 4th Degree member after a short period), Francis Biel, and Martin. Well done all of you.

Please note the various activities this month including a special presentation for the Persecuted Christians program (with the Marion icon) at Our Lady of Grace church at our social meeting on May 22, and the Spaghetti Dinner after the 4:00 PM Mass at our Lady of Grace on Saturday, May 11.

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.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Sutkowski

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

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What more need I say! Call today to set an appointment to take care of your family needs.

FAITH IN ACTION

Fred Taylor, Chairman, Faith Programs

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Mark your calendars for May 22 and come to Our Lady of Grace Church where our Council will focus on Christians who are even now being persecuted for their faith. This is an event not to be missed; get informed and take a stand. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine is participating in a new spiritual program, the Totus Tuus Pilgrimage Program, a half day pilgrimage that is targeted exclusively for Knights of Columbus members and their families. Our Council has been specifically chosen as one of 10 Maryland Councils to kick off this new program. More information will be forthcoming as this special opportunity takes shape.

Remember to contribute to the support of our Seminarians. 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.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019-2020 FRATERNAL YEAR

As all of you know it is now election season!!! As always, our Council is looking for members who can become officers!!

It is not a hard job and there are plenty of former officers around to help. Currently this is the first list of nominations for the offices for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. Elections must take place by June 15.

Grand Knight	vacant
Deputy Grand Knight	vacant
Chancellor	vacant
Warden	Peter Townson
Inside Guard	Ed Shaffer
Outside Guard	Francis Bui
Treasurer	William Kollins
Recorder	Christopher Romano
Advocate	David Wolk
3 yr Trustee	Steven Sutkowski PGK
2 yr Trustee	Fred Whitman PGK

If you want to contribute to your church in a meaningful manner and can lead a group of men who want to help, then please join us! If anyone wishes to apply please call me Kevin J, Kennedy, PGK at 301-774-5014. I will bring your name to the nomination committee, for consideration.

Vivat Jesus!!.

Knights of Columbus Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council # 6793

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, May 11, 2019
5 - 7:30 p.m.

Spaghetti, Sauce, Meatballs, Italian Bread, Mixes Salad, Dessert, Ice Tea, Orangeade at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, 15661 Norbeck Blvd., Silver Spring, MD

Donations at the Door

For more information or to volunteer to help with this event please call Joe at 301-570-4891

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.

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 \$1,500 from January 2019 through May 2019!

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

SAINT PETER'S ESSAY CONTEST

We have a winner from St. Peter's school for our essay contest. We do not have the name but for those who know it is essay #3. The winner will be published in the next newsletter. He/she will receive a \$200.00 stipend for their 8th grade tuition and a plaque.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Programs
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Not long ago we experienced a rebirth called EASTER. I expect many of us and our families came together to celebrate in one form or another this Glorious Mystery.

Easter is a season, not a day. As we look forward into May, which is part of the Easter Season, what lays ahead? Mother's Day, graduations, Memorial Day, perhaps a wedding or two might be some or part of other events fast approaching.

The point is that each of these celebrations need not be a one-day event. They each commemorate a particular part of our lives and our lives are certainly longer than a single day.

Please use these opportunities to come together and bond as a family, community, faith group and Knights of Columbus and carry the experience beyond the moment, hour or day.

Don't let these chances be the last chance.

Fraternally,

Joe Feakes, Family Chairman

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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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.

CHURCH NEWS

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ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Alphonsus Liguori and Adoration

On Saturday, May 11, Father Qureshi will lead a pilgrimage to the holy sites of Baltimore. The itinerary will include Saint Mary's Spiritual Center, Mother Seton House tours, a Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption, and lunch in Little Italy. The cost of this inspirational event will be \$55 per person. Please visit Saint Peter's Website to register and pay online at <http://www.stpetersolney.org/pilgrimage>.

Men's Discernment Dinner

St. Peter's Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, May 19, from 5PM to 8:30 PM. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington, D.C., area.

Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions, please contact Father Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

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

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Books for Kids

The Leisure World Interfaith Committee for the Homeless and Working Poor is holding their annual book drive May 1-31. Books will be given to children from Harmony Hills Elementary School. A donation box will be available in the narthex of Our Lady of Grace.

Saint Patrick's Leisure Club Monthly Luncheon

On Thursday May 9 (in the Our Lady of Grace Parish Center) there will be a spiritual fellowship with a rosary followed by an 11:00 AM. Mass with Father Early.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



Teams needed to help with St. Martin's Monthly Food Collection

St. Patrick's food collection for the St. Martin's Food Pantry takes place every 3rd Sunday (except in November and December). Needed for the pantry to operate are people to accept the donated food items in St. Patrick's parking lot at morning Masses and then deliver them directly to St. Martin's Food Pantry in Gaithersburg.

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
Bill Holmick	Brother Knight
Hunter Shaffer	Brother/ Ed Shaffer
Anne Gordon	Friend/ Steve Robertson
Dennis Gehley	Friend/ Fred Whitman
Emma Rooney	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Elizabeth Atzert	Sister/ Alexander Atzert
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Richard Herberg, Jr.	03/29/2019

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

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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MARYLAND PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL DEFEATED

On March 27, the End of Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act) was defeated in the last stage of the legislative process. After being passed in a House committee, the full House of Delegates, and a Senate committee, it went to the full Senate. With 47 senators in attendance, 24 were needed for passage. The final vote was 23-23, defeating the bill. Sen. Pam Beidel (District 32, Anne Arundel County) originally voted in "favor", but changed her ballot to "against" before the final tally. Sen. Obie Patterson (District 26, Prince George's County) did not vote, stating that he could not decide either way. The pro-life outcome was due to concerted efforts by Maryland Right to Life, Maryland Catholic Conference, Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide, and the many people they rallied to contact their senators to vote against the bill. Special thanks to volunteer Laura Jones, who with her husband Tom, made a video explaining the dangers of physician assisted suicide and who spent many days lobbying in Annapolis.

KOFC ULTRASOUND PROGRAM

At Care-Net of Southern Maryland's annual gala dinner on March 28, attended by some 700 people, the Knights of Columbus presented the pregnancy care center's director with a check for \$43,900 to purchase two ultrasound machines. One will replace a 10-year old machine, which was the first in Maryland donated under the KofC's ultrasound program, and the other for the PCC's recently opened third location in Leonardtown. Supreme contributed half of the total under the Order's matching program.

CARHART AND THE BORN ALIVE CHILD

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, if passed, would require that a child born alive during a botched abortion be given the same level of care that would be provided to any other baby born at that same gestational stage. As the bill's sponsor Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska said, the purpose of the bill is to prevent infanticide. Too often when a baby is born alive after an abortion, it is left to die.

Late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart, interviewed on Nebraska's KETV, condemned the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, saying that Sen. Ben Sasse is "ignorant and doesn't understand what he is talking about, or even worse, he's lying." Carhart continued, "I think it's cruel and inhumane to make a woman stay pregnant with a baby that she knows won't survive birth." In the 2007 Supreme Court case *Gonzales v. Carhart*, he tried to overturn the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban but lost.

UPCOMING EVENT

- **May 10 – Maryland Right to Life Foundation Banquet and Silent Auction**, Hotel Annapolis (126 West Street, Annapolis), auction 6-7 pm, dinner at 7 pm, guest speaker is Scott Klusendorf, tickets \$75 per person. For more information and reservations, contact Julie at julie@mdrtl.org.

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

SUSTAINING HOPE IN IRAQ (by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson)



Violence at the hands of Islamic state militants may have subsided, but our support of suffering Christians remains crucial

"WITHOUT THE KNIGHTS of Columbus, our Christian community would not have survived." This is what I heard time and again as I visited Iraq in March, meeting with survivors of genocide, refugees, medical personnel, educators and bishops, as well as U.S. and Kurdish government officials.

I came to Iraq at the invitation of the Chaldean Catholic archbishop of Erbil, Bashar Warda — a member of the Order and a good friend.

The day before leaving for Iraq, I had the privilege of a private audience with Pope Francis. He and I discussed the

Knights' efforts to help the persecuted Christians in that region — an issue that is close to his heart. He encouraged us to continue, saying, "A Middle East without Christians is not the Middle East."

My trip to Iraq provided a concrete opportunity to express our solidarity with these Christians who have suffered so much, to assess the effectiveness of our past support and to understand future needs.

It was equally important to convey to Kurdish government officials that the Christians there are not alone; they have important allies.

I was encouraged to hear from the prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government of his administration's commitment to protect Christians. Without that commitment and effective security, Christians face an uncertain future.

Since 2014, we have spent more than \$20 million to help persecuted Christians and others targeted for genocide in the Middle East. Our support has helped provide food, housing, education and medical care for tens of thousands of displaced people. It has also funded rebuilding the town of Karamles after its liberation from ISIS.

We were the driving force behind the 2016 declaration by then-Secretary of State John Kerry that ISIS had committed genocide against religious minorities. We then worked closely with Vice President Mike Pence to update policy so that persecuted minority communities would no longer be overlooked by U.S. government aid.

As part of these efforts, I testified numerous times at congressional hearings, and my testimony became the basis for the Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act. Congress unanimously passed the bill due in large part to the efforts of Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) and Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.). The act, which was signed into law by the president in December, provides for direct funding of groups targeted for genocide.

Having discussed this issue with Vice President Pence and Mark Green, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, I know their commitment. But much remains to be done that government cannot do. That is why we entered into a groundbreaking memorandum of understanding with USAID to build a new government-private sector partnership to help these suffering minorities.

The violent genocide of Christians by ISIS has been stopped, but we must not allow their despicable goal to be achieved by indifference.

I will remember many things about my trip to Iraq, such as praying with still suffering Christians displaced from Mosul, one of the oldest Christian cities in the world, and listening to senior churchmen speak about the deteriorating situation of Christians entrusted to their care.

There are hopeful images as well: the opening of McGivney House to provide apartments for young families and care for the elderly; the construction of a new Catholic hospital; and the activity of the newly established Catholic University of Erbil.

These initiatives in housing, education and medical care are building an infrastructure to sustain Christian life.

On a more personal level, I will cherish the painting I received from a young Yazidi boy helped at the medical clinic we support. It depicts a large sun shining down on a church, a mosque and a Yazidi temple, with a large Knights of Columbus emblem in the foreground. Another memory that will not soon

fade is praying with young school children at St. Peter and Paul the Apostles Parish with the rosaries I presented to them as a gift from Pope Francis.

There are many reasons the Knights of Columbus is so committed to our persecuted brothers and sisters. Yet perhaps it is as simple as this: We want a world where children can paint their pictures with bright colors and can recite their prayers together in peace.

Vivat Jesus!

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



REFLECTIONS

The States Battle for Life (by Lawrence P. Grayson)

Life in the womb is the most polarized issue in our nation today. There are profound ideological differences in how the pros and cons -- those who believe in the unborn child's right to life and those who are committed to a woman's right to abortion -- view the matter. Presently, 18 states have laws to limit abortion, while 10 states have laws to protect the right to abortion. Not since slavery was debated and fought over has there been such a stark contrast in the beliefs of the opposing sides and in the state laws they are enacting.

Kentucky, with a pro-life governor and a pro-abortion attorney general, looks like a border state for the conflicting positions. After a U.S. District Court judge, last September, ruled that a 1998 state law requiring abortion clinics to have signed agreements with an ambulance service and a hospital was unconstitutional, the matter was raised to the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Briefs were soon filed by 16 attorneys general from politically-red states arguing that the 1998 law should be upheld, while attorneys general from 20 politically-blue states and the District of Columbia filed in support of the ruling. No date has yet been set for the hearing.

With a strongly pro-life president, a presumably more constitutionally-conservative Supreme Court, and the success of the abortion-revealing films Gosnell and Unplanned, pro-life advocates hope that Roe v. Wade may be overturned, and the regulation of abortion returned to the states. Pro-life legislators have been energized, introducing over 250 pro-life bills in 41 states since the beginning of this year.

There are "trigger bans" that will automatically prohibit abortion if and when Roe v. Wade is repealed; "fetal development bans" that make abortions illegal after a certain

point in a pregnancy, such as when an unborn child can feel pain or its heartbeat can be detected; “method bans” that bar dismemberment and other specific procedures; and “fetal characteristic bans” that prohibit abortion based on race, sex or disability.

Statutes banning abortions after a heartbeat is detected could protect almost all unborn children. With a vaginal ultrasound, detection can occur at about six weeks of gestation, a time when many women do not even know they are pregnant. Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and Ohio have enacted heartbeat laws, while Missouri, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, South Carolina and Oklahoma are advancing similar measures.

Alabama voters approved a state constitutional amendment last November that affirms the right to life for unborn children. Another bill was recently introduced that would make abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony, except if the mother’s life is at risk.

The Tennessee legislature is considering a bill that would prohibit abortion completely once *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. Trigger laws banning abortion have already been passed in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Utah and Kentucky recently enacted laws to protect unborn children diagnosed with a disability such as Down syndrome. The Texas legislature is considering a bill to remove fetal anomaly as an exception to an existing ban on abortions after 20 weeks gestation, forbid all abortions motivated by the unborn child’s sex, race or disability, and expand perinatal palliative care for families whose children-in-the-womb are determined to have life-limiting disabilities.

Utah passed a law to ban abortions after 18 weeks gestation. The Arkansas House recently passed a similar bill.

North Carolina and Texas are debating bills to require appropriate medical care for newborns who survive abortions. The bills are similar to The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act that pro-abortion legislators are blocking in the U.S. Congress.

North Dakota enacted a law to prohibit dismemberment abortions, a brutal procedure typically used in the second trimester, in which a living unborn child is torn apart in the womb and removed in pieces. Indiana is advancing a similar measure.

South Dakota recently passed several laws that require abortionists to give women the chance to see a sonogram of their baby and listen to its heartbeat, inform women about abortion pill reversal, ban abortions on pain-capable children, and make the sale of aborted baby parts a felony.

In contrast to the pro-life efforts, abortion advocates have been working to expand access, remove restrictions and codify abortion rights, as well as challenge the new pro-life state laws. New York, New Mexico, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia have passed or are trying to pass bills that allow abortion up to the moment of birth or even after a child is delivered.

New York recently expanded access to third-trimester abortion in cases where a woman’s health is in danger or where a fetus is not viable, permit non-physicians to perform abortions, and remove all criminal penalties for the procedure.

The Vermont Senate overwhelmingly approved an amendment to the State Constitution that would legalize abortions up to birth and deny legal rights to children-in-the-

womb. The amendment must be approved by Vermont voters if it clears several more legislative hurdles.

The governor of Illinois has pledged to make that state “the most progressive state in the nation for access to reproductive health care.” Two bills currently being debated would allow abortion for any reason up to birth, remove the ban on partial-birth abortion, permit non-doctors to perform the procedure, and strip away conscience protections for medical professionals who oppose abortion.

California, is arguably the most extreme supporter of abortion, permitting late-term procedures and allowing girls as young as 12 to obtain abortions without parental knowledge or consent. A bill is now advancing that would direct all public colleges and universities to provide abortion drugs to students on campus for free. A second bill would require every student identification card issued by public schools at all levels and religious colleges and universities to include the telephone number of a reproductive health hotline, e.g., Planned Parenthood.

With legislative victories on each side, the pro-life/pro-abortion divide grows deeper and the opposing factions more combative. The future, both politically and culturally, will continue to be contentious.

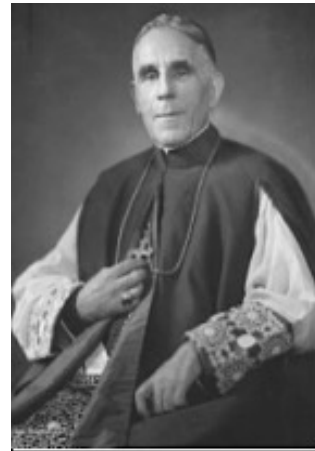
America survived the battle over slavery -- though at a significant cost with the fallout still being debated today. The nation will survive the decades-long conflict between an unborn child’s life and a mother’s choice. If you believe that life beginning at conception is a gift from God, there is only one side you can support. If you believe that God will prevail, you know the eventual outcome.

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!

May Chapter Meeting

Date: May 15, 2019

Time: 8PM

Location: Saint Elizabeth Council #12796, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD

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
Friday May 10, 2019, 8:30 Shotgun Start

Cost \$125/player
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MAY 8 WED --

Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World

MAY 10 FRI --

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, Laytonsville Golf Club, 8:30 AM Shotgun Start, Contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or gtdbpalmer@verizon.net) or Ron Herberg (301-580-9189 or ronherberg@gmail.com)

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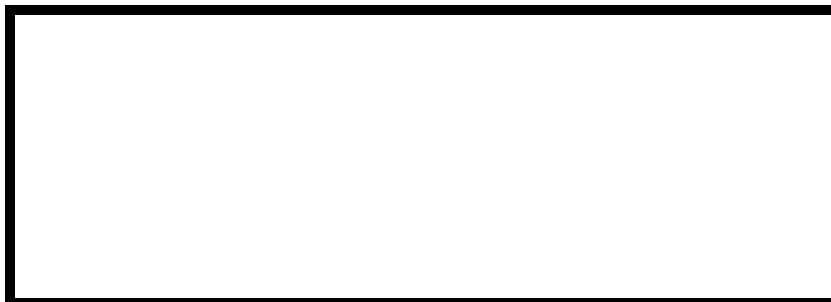
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- MAY 1 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
MAY 8 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
MAY 10 FRI Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, Laytonsville Golf Club, 8:30 AM Shotgun Start, Contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or gtdbpalmer@verizon.net) or Ron Herberg (301-580-9189 or ronherberg@gmail.com)
MAY 11 SAT Knights of Columbus Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council # 6793 Spaghetti Dinner, 5 - 7:30 PM. For more information or to volunteer, to help with this event please call Joe at 301-570-4891.
MAY 15 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting and elections, 8PM, Saint Elizabeth Council #12796, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD
MAY 16 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
MAY 22 WED **Social Meeting**
MAY 22 WED Persecuted Christians and Marion Icon event at Our Lady of Grace, 7:30 PM



- JUN 5 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
JUNE 12 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
JUN 19 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting and exchange of jewels, 8PM, Father Peter Paul Maher Council #6793, 15663 Norbeck Blvd, Silver Spring, MD
JUN 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
JUN 26 WED **Social Meeting**

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