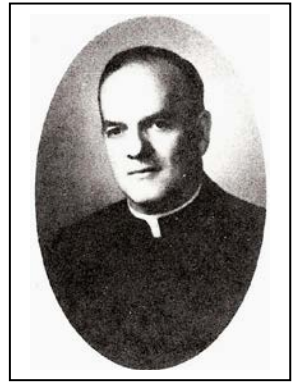


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## FR. PETER PAUL MAHER COUNCIL 6793 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Martino Choi, Parochial Vicar  
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church  
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Dear Brother Knights,

During October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. The Knights of Columbus have always been very involved in pro-life efforts, not only fighting against the culture of death (for example, against abortion and euthanasia) but also promoting a consistent culture of life (in its work with Special Olympics, its various charitable works to aid the poor, the refugees, the sick, etc.).

Why is it so important, from a spiritual perspective, to respect life? To respect life in all its stages is to recognize that we are not the author or arbiter of our lives. Rather, that belongs to God: as St. Paul says, "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" (Rom 14:8). The culture of death seeks to usurp this role from God, to remove Him from the picture - instead of turning to God, it seeks to redefine the meaning and value of life and turn it into a function of utility and ability. But we profess, as Christians, that being created in the image and likeness of God is enough. The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus for each and all of us is enough. God's personal care for us and His individualized plan of love for each of us is enough. It's not about what we can do but about what God has done for us.

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

During this Respect Life Month, let us pray in a special way for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother that she, whose "Yes" brought human life to Our Lord Jesus, will help our culture say "Yes" to life as well.

Fr. Martino Choi

### DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Joseph F. Krempasky, District Deputy (30)  
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Our Council is planning an Admission Degree on October 25. If you haven't been to a first-degree ceremony in a while, I encourage you to come and join your fellow Knights. We all need to grow and this is a special way to remind each one of us why we joined the Knight of Columbus.

I also want to reiterate the importance of our charitable outreach. Your council offers many opportunities to get involved, including Coats for Kids, Food for Families, the Tootsie Roll campaign and many other activities.

You are all invited to join this year's Columbus Day Parade, scheduled for Sunday, October 8 in Baltimore. Now in its 127<sup>th</sup> year, Baltimore's Columbus Day Parade is the longest continuous observance in the country. The parade will start at 2:00 pm from Key Highway. To quote our State Deputy, Stephen Cohen, "We need to be out in full force... Others will be there to tear down our namesake, we need to be there to build him up."

For other events scheduled for this month, please see details in this month's newsletter.

Vivat Jesus

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK Frederick L. Whitman, Grand Knight

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Get out and enjoy this wonderful weather. Take a short trip to the mountains and take in the beautiful colors. God is truly magnificent.

The Council is in need of volunteers to head up some of our programs. Our Council programs are designed to serve our church, our youth, and our community. Without leadership, and volunteers to help with our programs, our programs fail. With 385 members, we are operating without volunteers to chair some of our program activities. In most cases, we don't even have sufficient volunteers to assist in the activities that are planned. There are Councils with 95 members that fill all Program Chairmen positions. And we can't? Why not? Come on fellow Knights. Your Council needs help. Our immediate needs are for a Youth Activity Chairman and a Community Activity Chairman. Please contact me, 240-550-1007, or DGK Steve Sutkowski, 301-580-5820, to find out how you can help.

We will conduct an Admissions Degree at our October 25 social meeting. Please plan to attend. Our November social meeting is cancelled due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Our Tootsie Roll campaign is in progress and doing great. If you can't volunteer to participate in our campaign, you can make a monetary contribution at our Pay Pal account or you can submit a check to the Council. Either way, your participation in this great program will go a long way to aid the three organizations we help each year.

Our new shed project will start construction as soon as our revised plans are approved by Montgomery County. Thanks to Joe Krempasky for spear-heading this project over the past year.

Bishop McNamara Memorial Mass and silent Auction is November 15. The Chapter is looking for usable items for the auction. If you have something to donate, contact Jack Giacalone, 240-461-3707 or [jgiacal@verizon.net](mailto:jgiacal@verizon.net).

Maryknights Charity Ball is November 11, but you must sign up by October 30. Contact Steve Goldhammer, 301-570-9613 or [SEGoldhamm@aol.com](mailto:SEGoldhamm@aol.com), if you want to attend.

We need volunteers to help with the Inwood House Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28. Set-up starts about 3PM and the party is from 6-9PM. Contact Steve Sutkowski, 301-580-5820, if you can help with set-up and/or the party.

Visit our website at [www.kofc6793.org](http://www.kofc6793.org) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/](http://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.

**God bless you and your families.**

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT



### THINK YOU ARE TOO OLD FOR COVERAGE? MAYBE NOT

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance products was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me - and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

## 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.

## CHURCH NEWS

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### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpatricksmd.org>  
Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



### ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

The theme of this year's weekend retreat is "**Come, Follow Me!**". The retreat takes place at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD.

Participants will leave on Friday, October 27 and return after lunch on Sunday, October 29.

The weekend retreat fee is \$195. A deposit of \$115 is required to secure your retreat. You can also reserve online at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com). For more information, contact Jack Gibala, [jackgibala@aol.com](mailto:jackgibala@aol.com) or 301-871-8122.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>  
Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



### PARISH PILGRIMAGE: THE ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PETER'S PARISH

Please join Father Q for a Pilgrimage-Into-History. We will begin Saturday, October 7, after morning Mass with a walking tour of the Saint Peter's campus and its hidden history.

We will then drive to a few local sites connected to the long history of our parish, which goes back to the earliest days of our nation's history. We will end (as any good pilgrimage should) with a festive lunch at a nearby restaurant to celebrate our parish anniversary!

No cost and no reservation is needed. Just join us in the Main Church, at 9:15AM on October 7. The tour finishes at 12:30PM, and lunch should conclude at 2PM.

## FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities  
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### OLNEY NIGHT AT THE THEATRE (limited tickets available)

Olney Knight (sic) at the theatre is November 10, 2017. The show is ANNIE. Once again we will have the actors' room for our pre-performance reception and intermission. The show begins at 8:00PM, the reception at 7:00PM. The ticket price is \$40.

For more info or to reserve tickets, please contact Joe Feakes, Tel: 301-774-0137 or email: [joesphfeakes@aol.com](mailto:joesphfeakes@aol.com).

THE SUN WILL COME UP TOMORROW!

## 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                 |
| Karen Mazonkey                       | Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey |
| Eleanor Banford                      | Sister/ Bob Mazonkey           |
| Ann Ketter                           | Wife/Doug Ketter               |
| Jeff Kollins                         | Son/Bill Kollins               |
| Donna D'Almeida                      | Wife/Innocent D'Almeida        |
| Anne Marie Ketter                    | Wife/ Doug Ketter              |
| Serry Colliton                       | Sister/ Andy Colliton          |
| Nick Mondell                         | Brother Knight                 |
| Stephen P. Robertson                 | Brother Knight                 |
| Paul McFarlane                       | Brother Knight                 |
| Richard Herberg, Jr.                 | Brother/Ron Herberg            |
| Danny Fluhart                        | Brother-in law/Ron Herberg     |
| Barbara Campanero                    | Friend/Don Hemke               |
| Tom Firestone                        | Past DD-30/ Council 6793       |
| Roger Stevens                        | Brother Knight                 |
| Bernadette Bueno                     | Daughter/ Ramon Bueno          |
| Anne Gordon                          | Friend/ Stephen Robertson      |
| Steve Sutkowski                      | Brother Knight                 |
| Joe Krempasky                        | Brother Knight                 |
| Survivors, Hurricane Harvey and Irma | Council Request                |

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



## COUNCIL NEWS

**Joe Krempasky, Chairman, Council Activities**

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### YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Our Council needs more volunteers to help us run our various activities. To find out how you can help and sign up, please contact DGK Steve Sutkowski, 301-580-5820.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**John Feldmann, Chairman, Community Activities**

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We would like to thank all our members who made the Grace House party and event a success on Sunday, September 17. There were great desserts, prizes/gifts for the residents, and a musician provided both guitar and bagpipes for their enjoyment. We received a message of thanks from the head of Grace House and their hopes that we return as often as possible.

We are in need of volunteers for the Tootsie Roll campaign at the Olney Liquor store on the weekend of October 6 and possibly the next weekend also dependent on how we do. The hours are 4-8 PM on Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, and noon to 6 PM on Sunday. Please contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-9308 or 301-580-5820 to assist.

### VOLUNTEER FOR OUR 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INWOOD HOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY



The Inwood House Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 28 between 6 to 9PM. We will need volunteers to set-up decorations, bring in sodas and drinks, and prepare the food for the event starting at 3PM. Please contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-930 to volunteer.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**SK Homer Chen, Chairman, Membership**

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Our Council's First Degree is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30PM. Any member can bring candidates for this meeting. The qualifications are simple. The candidate must be a male, 18 years of age and a Catholic.

## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

**Ramon Bueno, Chairman, Culture of Life**

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Brother Knights. I have no report regarding any specific pro-life activity that our council was specifically involved in September of this year. What I do have is related good news and information about upcoming activities we all can participate in, either as a Knights of Columbus council or on an individual basis.

First the good news. Two abortion clinics, one in Germantown and the other in Prince George County have closed. Of the two, the one in Germantown was quite infamous as only one of three abortion clinics in the United State wherein late-term abortion were regularly performed by abortionist Leroy Carhart. After more than 7 years, the prayers of the faithful pro-lifers were answered when the Maryland Coalition for Life purchased the Germantown office park where it was housed and closed the abortion clinic.

As a KofC council, we are planning a pro-life mass in the Respect Life Month of October. Respect Life Month is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. More related information is available at <http://www.USCCB.org>. St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring two related fundraisers.

An important Culture of Life event we can all participate in individually is the 40 Days for Life campaign I mentioned in our last newsletter. It started on Wednesday, September 27 and will end on Sunday, November 5. More information, locations & daily reflections are available at <http://www.40DaysforLife.com>. Locally, with the Germantown and PG county abortion clinics closed, weekly Prayer Vigils for Life will continue on Saturdays, 8-9AM in Rockville (966 Hungerford Dr.) & 9-10AM in Silver Spring (1111 Spring St.) near local abortion sites.

Another Culture of Life event taking place in October is the Baby Bottle Campaign whose proceeds benefit the Shady Grover Pregnancy Center. The center will also benefit from an annual benefit luncheon "Saving Lives and Supporting Families" to be held at the Rockville Hilton Hotel on October 22, 12:30-3:30PM. Information and reservations at 301-963-6223 or email: [development@pregnancy-options.org](mailto:development@pregnancy-options.org).

**Vivat Jesu!**

## MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)]



### 2018 SUPREME CONVENTION

The 2018 Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD from August 6 to 9. We are beginning to recruit volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success.

The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their families to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties and support opportunities throughout the convention.

Please take a few minutes to review, complete and submit the volunteer information sheet, which is available

online at [http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer Information Sheet 2018 BaltimoreConvention.pdf](http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer%20Information%20Sheet%202018%20BaltimoreConvention.pdf).

We will communicate plans and schedules, via email, with our volunteers as we get closer to the convention. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Giacalone, Volunteer Coordinator at 301-774-6338 or email: [jgiacal@verizon.net](mailto:jgiacal@verizon.net).

## SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

### PERIPHERAL VISION



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

WE ARE CALLED TO LOOK BEYOND OUR OWN IMMEDIATE CONCERNS AND TO REACH OUT TO THOSE MOST IN NEED

PERIPHERAL VISION – what we see “out the corner of our eye” is important. If you’re driving along a busy highway, peripheral vision enables you to glimpse that car just emerging from your blind spot. In a crowded room, peripheral vision helps you see people around you. It can also help you to notice a person who is off to the side, overlooked or in need of attention.

People sometimes suffer a loss of peripheral vision with age and declining eyesight, while even those with 20/20 vision can miss what should be visible to them. At a restaurant, for instance, otherwise attentive waiters sometimes seem to suddenly lose their peripheral vision if you’re anxious to pay the check.

Something similar can also happen in the depth of one’s heart. The peripheral vision of our hearts diminishes if we do not make it a habit to see beyond our own wants and needs. If our hearts ignore inconvenient truths and realities on the right and on the left, our field of spiritual vision will narrow.

### THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS

We may think that our spiritual vision is 20/20 because we see clearly what is right in front of us. A hobby might claim most of our attention, or we may be rightfully concerned about things such as the well-being of our families, our performance at work, or long-term financial goals. It’s even possible to be so wrapped up in our own spiritual lives that we cannot see the spiritual and material needs of those around us.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us, “The lamp of the body is the eye. If the eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Mt 6:22-23; see also Lk 11:34-36). Just as our physical eyes perceive natural light, so too the eyes of our hearts are meant to perceive the light of God’s love and truth and the dignity of our neighbor.

Pope Francis has repeatedly called us to “go the peripheries.” He once said in an interview, “We need to come out of ourselves and head for the periphery. We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world.”

The Holy Father tells us that a self-referential Church will grow old and dim. He challenges us not to focus so intently on our own concerns that we fail to see the needs of others. He urges us to develop, with the help of God’s grace, “a heart which sees” to use a phrase from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*. Our hearts must see those who are on the margins of the Church and society. In fact, “a closed heart,” Pope Francis has observed, “cannot understand what Christianity is.”

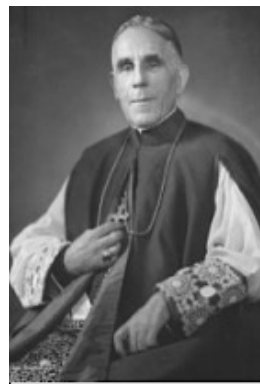
To read the rest of the Supreme Chaplain’s article, go to: [http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_chaplain/2017-09-lori-chaplain.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2017-09-lori-chaplain.html)

## CHAPTER NEWS

**Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963**

[Website: <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1617/mcnamara.asp>]

**McNamara Chapter Marshall – Jack Giacalone**



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!

## YOUTH NEWS

**GK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs**

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### SAINT PETER’S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Saint Peter’s Parochial School is a 2012 National Blue Ribbon of Excellence school. The school invites you to explore all that a Catholic education can offer you and your child.

Open houses begin in November for the 2018-2019 school year. Limited openings in some grades are currently available. For information, visit the school’s website – [www.stpetersschoololeny.org](http://www.stpetersschoololeny.org) or contact the Development Director, Mary Randles at email: [school@stpetersoleny.org](mailto:school@stpetersoleny.org) or Tel: 301-774-9112, ext. 302.

# *The Maryknights Charity Ball and Silent Auction*

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Reservation Deadline 10/30/2017

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Formal attire is not required; coat and tie are encouraged. Reservations must be made by 30 October. If you desire to sit with someone at the same table, you can arrange that when you make your reservation.





▶ **November 10 – Olney Knight (sic) at the theatre. Show starts 8PM, preceded by reception at 7PM. Limited tickets available at \$40. Contact Joe Feakes, Tel: 301-774-0137 or email: [joesphfeakes@aol.com](mailto:joesphfeakes@aol.com)**

▶ **October 28 – Inwood House Halloween Party. Set-up: 3PM & Party: 6-9PM. To volunteer, call Steve Sutkowski: 301-580-5820.**

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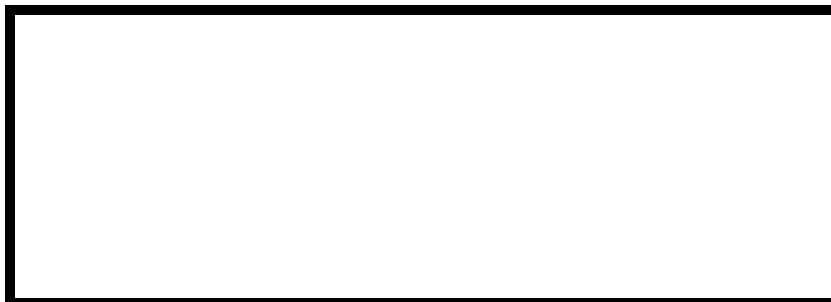
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freshness is cool and clear.

Crisp, cool breezes shake leaves tree by tree as  
autumn takes away the green...  
And gold and bronze are all that can be seen.

- OCT 03 WED** Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center  
**OCT 08 SUN** Second Sunday, 7:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.  
**OCT 10 WED** Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World  
**OCT 18 WED** McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting, St. Jerome Council 5564  
**OCT 19 THU** Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861, **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall, Council #2323 at 8PM  
**OCT 25 WED** Admissions Degree (7:00PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World, Degree Team Arrival; 7:30PM, Candidates Arrival)  
**OCT 28 SAT** Inwood House Halloween Party, 6-9PM  
**OCT 28 SAT** Fourth degree exemplification (details to come)



- NOV 01 WED** Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center  
**NOV 04 SAT** Annual Council Memorial Mass, Our Lady of Grace Church (11AM)  
**NOV 08 WED** Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World  
**NOV 12 SUN** Second Sunday, 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church - **Ushers Needed:** Call Joe Feakes, 301-774-0137  
**NOV 22 WED** Council Social Canceled due to Thanksgiving holiday  
**NOV 23 THU** Thanksgiving Day

► For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred L. Whitman on 240-550-1007.  
► Council Calendar: View it at: [www.KofC6793.org](http://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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