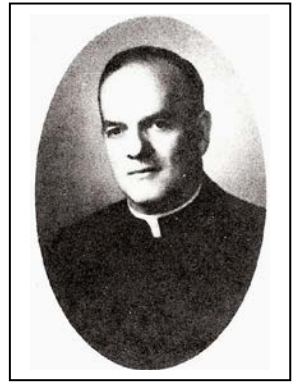


# Father Maher's Knightly News

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

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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October – the month of the Holy Rosary (with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7) and also the month dedicated to Respect for Life. It seems appropriate that these subjects should come together as it sometimes appears that efforts to stop the culture of death which fosters abortion and euthanasia and a lack of respect for the dignity of every human life in between those two poles seem as effective as Europe's efforts to stop the advances of the Ottoman Empire as it sought to conquer Europe in 1571.

Pope Pius V formed the Holy League, a tenuous alliance between Christian nations, which cobbled together a fleet to fight against the superior Ottoman navy that was threatening to control the Mediterranean as part of its military campaign for Europe. Pope Pius V, recognizing the importance of the battle for Christianity and for Europe, asked everyone to pray the Rosary for victory on October 7, 1571, and in a pitched battle that lasted over five hours, the inferior Holy League fleet defeated the Ottomans, killing 30,000-40,000 while losing 7,000-10,000, and effectively stopping the naval encroachments of the Ottomans (the land campaign would continue into the next century). Pope Pius declared October 7 the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, a name which would be changed several times to be today's Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

As we know, the culture of death has been racking up casualties astronomically larger than those of the Battle of Lepanto, both in lives and in souls. But Our Lady is by no means

Motto: "Mary, fill our Hearts with Charity and Love."

weaker, the power of the Rosary no less effective. We are in a battle for souls, and I would like to request that all of us make it a point during this month to pray the Rosary daily for the victory of life, for a greater respect for every human life, conception to natural death, in all points in between, that all people might recognize the awesome gift conferred on every human being of being children of a loving Father, each one of us with a unique pathway to return to Him.

Our Council will be hosting a Mass of Respect for Life on Saturday, October 19, at 11AM at Our Lady of Grace Parish (you remember how to get here, I told you last month). Hope to see you here! God bless.

Fr. Jim

### DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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Labor Day is just around the corner, and District 30 has had no Admission Degrees during this time. Our membership director, Ron Hassan, is encouraging all councils to now begin planning for our October church drives.

Please don't forget that the Columbus Day Ball is scheduled for October 12 at the BWI Marriot. Should you intend to attend, your reservations must be received by Jack Giacalone no later than September 10. (Car raffle tickets must be submitted no later than the evening of the ball.)

Just a quick, and very serious reminder - I am encouraging all Knights (not just the officers) to take the Youth Protection on-line training. We must have this training to protect ourselves and our children, when sponsoring a Knights event. I took the training courses (three of them) in less than an hour. You can do this without a officer code number.

Vivat Jesus

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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Our Council had two noteworthy spiritual activities in September that were in keeping with our "Faith in Action" theme. The first was the Day of Spiritual Reflection at the Saint John Paul II Shrine. Our Council, joined by the Grand Knight and members of Montgomery Council, were welcomed to the Shrine to make a Totus Tuus pilgrimage that had an unforgettable impact on me. My thanks to John Feldman and Ed Shaffer for organizing this event and the next where Father Jim provided us with an event that followed on this theme, was exceptional, and again moved me spiritually. Fr. Jim began our social meeting by instructing us about many aspects of Eucharistic Adoration and we then spent a Holy Hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. My sincere thanks to Fr. Jim for providing that opportunity for our Brother Knights and Ladies to grow closer to Our Lord. I also thank Kevin Kennedy for the "Soccer Shootout" event he staged at St. Peter's Church. It was a wonderful event that reached out to our youth, helping them to grow in faith and character, and we all had a great time!

Our "Tootise Roll" Program, Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities, is in full swing. We can use your help to stand a shift collecting donations at the Olney Liquor Store, or making a contribution yourself. Please call Fred Whitman at (301-570-0354) to volunteer. My thanks to Harry Bushar for leading our collection effort at the Bauer Safeway store and everyone who helped. Our Mass for Life is scheduled for October 19 at Our Lady of Grace Church at 11AM. Please attend and bring a donation to help the Program (see more in the Life Program section). We will have a presentation and light refreshments after the Mass. We have scheduled our annual Halloween Party at the Inwood House this year on October 25. This is a special event to help those residents and always brings me great joy to attend and have fun enjoying the company of the residents of the Inwood House. This is a special day for them. Please consider helping with this "Helping Hands Program" event and call Brother Martin Peschke at 301-570-0840 to volunteer.

Brothers Chris Romano and Martin Peschke are organizing our Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights at Our Lady of Grace Church on November 9. Put this on your calendar and join us to pray for our Brothers. You don't want to miss our annual Olney Theater event on November 15. We will be seeing "Singing in the Rain" and you can call Joe Feakes at 301-774-0137 for tickets.

We have recruited an exceptional group of new Knights in recent years. We must engage them and their Ladies and families, let them know they are welcome, wanted and needed, and make room for them in our upcoming schedule. They are

the life's blood of this Council. Join us at a meeting, become a more active member of our Council, and help plan and execute our activities for the year. Please take the time to care for and love each other and pray the Rosary frequently.

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## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

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### REAL LIFE STORIES

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I'd like to relate. The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7-year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three-hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he "was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot."

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300-pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was "Boomer"...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

"Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love," Boomer says. "Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes." That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It's about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer's family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don't know; you don't hear about those men. Because the council didn't have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you'll never know it...because he planned.

Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

Vivat Jesus!

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Fellow members, remember we are a fraternity of Catholic men striving to uphold our beliefs, improve this world and help others. We must engage and speaking with more Catholic men and their families. I will be scheduling teams of our Council members to recruit new members after Masses with a team approach. We should have two people at each door of the church, perhaps one older and one younger Knight. The Masses that require the most coverage are mid and late morning. If you help at the Mass you usually attend this will take only 10 or 15 minutes. Recruiting at Masses is only one opportunity to bring in new members. We as Knights should recruit in a diplomatic and non-intrusive way at every opportunity we get and at every occasion.

## CHURCH NEWS

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### OUR LADY OF GRACE

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**Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor**



### Save the Date – Parish Communion Breakfast

The Sodality will be hosting a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 20, at 10AM in the Parish Center. The buffet breakfast, catered by Perrie LLC, LW Food Service, includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, fresh fruit display, biscuits, assorted Danish and muffins, French toast, sausage links, spiced apples, juice, tea and coffee.

All members of the parish and their guests are welcome to attend. To reserve your space, you may mail your check to

Our Lady of Grace Sodality, 15661 Norbeck Blvd, Silver Spring, MD 20906. The cost is \$22 per person. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Sodality and include your phone number and the full name of each person attending. Reservations will be taken in the Narthex before and after each Mass on the weekends of October 5 & 6, and October 12 & 13.

All payments must be received by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, October 16. For questions, please call Jude Himmelberg at 301-655-9740.

## ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

**Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor**



### Are you Formed?

As I prepare to visit the 8th graders preparing for Confirmation and speak with the parents whose children will be confirmed next year, I realized that I really need to ask the Holy Spirit to use me as an instrument. For most of us, Confirmation has been one of those events that we vaguely remember, but we know for a fact that this sacrament is special. Moreover, we really need to reflect on the Holy Spirit and ask ourselves how well we know the Holy Spirit.

Father Dave Pivonka, the current President of Franciscan University in Steubenville, has created a series about the Holy Spirit entitled The Wild Goose. Some of you have probably seen this or have heard of it. For those who have not, I invite you to watch this 14-episode series that is available for free on formed.org. A study guide is even available. If you have not been to this Web site, register for free at [www.stpetersolney.formed.org](http://www.stpetersolney.formed.org) where you will find books, videos, and resources to help enhance faith.

~ Father Ryan Pineda

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

**Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor**



### ST. Patrick's Men's Retreat

All men are invited to join the St. Patrick's Men's Retreat, which will take place, October 25-27 at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD.

This year's retreat theme is: God's Dream. For more information, to make a reservation or for transportation issues, contact Jack Gibala, at [jackgibala@aol.com](mailto:jackgibala@aol.com) or 301-871-8122. To register online visit [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com).

Registration forms are also available in the book rack at the rear of the church. A deposit of \$115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first timers and/or young adults 30 and under.) Give a weekend to God "Come Away and Rest A While."

## FAITH IN ACTION

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### Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine

Knights and family members, along with other Knights from Montgomery Council made a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John Paul II on September 14. It was a wonderful spiritual day of reflection that included a presentation from Fr. Jose, the Shrine's Chaplain.

What a beautiful setting for having a Mass followed by confessions, praying the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Knights and family members enjoyed and appreciated the presentation from Divine Mercy Sister Guadia.

Grand Knight Fred Taylor shared his feelings and thoughts when he said "I found myself listening to her and staring at the Divine Mercy image, a truly Holy Moment! The Consecration after Mass and the adoration of the Relic of the Cross were other unique moments for us!"

Thank you to all who participated in this very special day of reflection.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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### Soccer Shootout



We revived the K of C Soccer Shootout program for the Council. We built a regulation size portable soccer goal and on Saturday September 21, 2019 at St. Peters Church lower field, held the contest. I had plenty of men assist me in the setting up of the goal, but unfortunately, we had no children come to enter the contest. AS this is soccer season, I am sure they were all playing on their teams.

I want to thank GK Fred Taylor, Steve Goldhammer, Jack Giacalone, Ken Storck our new Insurance Representative, Don Hempke, John Hartinger, Andy Colliton, Jason McDuffie, and Doug Ketter, for showing up and being able to run the contest.

Better luck for us next year!!!

## Halloween Party at Inwood House

On Friday October 25 we will be hosting a Halloween party for the residents of Inwood House, in Silver Spring. This is an annual event for us, and the residents really look forward to it. Steve Sutkowski has arranged the entertainment and prizes, and we will be cooking a nice meal with dessert. We do need your assistance for a couple of hours that night!!!!

Besides decorating the cafeteria in a seasonal manner, we also cook and serve the meal and dessert. Please call either Martin P or GK Fred Taylor and let them know you are available to help us with this party!!! We really need your support!!!

## \$1000 Anonymous Challenge Returns

Again, this year a council brother knight has challenged the council to donate to the Council Seminarian Fund which he will match up to \$1000! Yes, \$1000!

In previous years, the council has indeed donated more than the \$1000 challenge, so we again look forward to your continued generosity which will help keep us the biggest sponsor of Seminarians in the state of Maryland....something we all can be very proud to achieve!

## 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.

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

**SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861**

**"WE STICK TOGETHER!"**

**SK George Silvas, 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.

## Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Archdiocese of Washington District will be held on October 19, 2019 at Saint Francis Xavier Church 2800 Pennsylvania Ave SE Washington, DC, 20020. Candidates report at 9:30AM. Exemplification begins at 11:00AM.

For more information please contact: Joe Feakes, Master Fourth Degree, Archdiocese of Washington District, Tel: (301) 774-0137, Email: [josephfeakes@aol.com](mailto:josephfeakes@aol.com).

## 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
Hunter Shaffer	Brother/ Ed Shaffer
John Winfrey	Brother Knight
Tom Donovan	Friend/Don Hemke
Donna Conway	Wife/ Gerald Conway Jr
Barbara Campanaro	Friend/ Don Hemke
Ed Goodwin	Brother Knight
Jeanne Sella	Widow/Ed Sella
Oliver Nelson	Grandson/ Harry Bushar
Elaine Burch	Friend/Fred Taylor
Mark Liscinsky	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Donna Kuchmas	Wife/ PSD
Ed Padgent	Friend/ Jack Giacalone
Hanni Salvetti	Friend/ Pete Towson
Dennis Gehley	Friend/ Fred Whitman
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/ Innocent D'Almeida
Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Noah Sweitzer	09/19/2019

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

## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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### **An Abandoned Newborn in Silver Spring**

Back in August, a man walking near a wooded area in Silver Spring heard a baby crying. He went to investigate and found a naked female infant. Police were called, and the baby was taken to the hospital where she was determined to be in stable condition. Doctors believe she was born just a few hours before being found. The mother was identified two weeks later.

There is no reason to leave a newborn to die. Under Maryland's Safe Haven law, a distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for their infant has up to 10 days from the birth to anonymously surrender custody of their baby. The parent has immunity from civil liability or criminal prosecution provided the child is unharmed. Newborns can be left at hospitals or a law enforcement station.

### **Carhart Admits Killing Babies & Looks to Expand**

LeRoy Carhart, one of America's most notorious abortionists, being interviewed by British reporter Hilary Andersson for the BBC in July, freely admitted that abortion is murder. For a TV report titled "America's Abortion War," Andersson asked Carhart: "And you don't have a problem with killing a baby?" to which he responded: "I have no problem if it's in the mother's uterus."

In another scene, Carhart shows Andersson his abortion tools, stating with a sense of professional pride, "These are the forceps to grasp part of the fetus and to crush it and bring out." For more of the interview, see <https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/bbc-reporter-stunned-as-top-us-abortionist-admits-he-kills-babies>. He even offers his patients a chance to hold their aborted child, as well as photographs, footprints and remembrance certificates of the child.

While abortion clinics are closing throughout the country, Carhart is looking for ways to expand his business. In an August 22 interview with the Montgomery County Sentinel, Lily Bolourian, director of development and political engagement at Carhart's clinic in Bethesda, said, "We have patients from all across the country and all across the world." And the clinic staff is preparing to be able to assist even more women, because of the "very serious possibility" that Roe v. Wade could be overturned.

While other facilities perform abortions, this clinic is one of only four or five in the whole country that specialize in second- and third- trimester abortions. She said, "If people want to get an abortion, they are going to have an abortion." She dismissed the pro-life protesters as few and ineffective. For more information on the interview, see <https://mont.thesentinel.com/2019/08/22/bethesda-abortion-cliniclooks-to-expand-services-for-women>.

### **Supreme Resolution Regarding Anti-Life Public Figures**

At the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held this summer, a resolution was passed reaffirming the Order's policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia, and of not allowing such persons to rent or otherwise use facilities over which our members have control, speak at Knights of Columbus events, or bestow on them honors or privileges of our Order of any kind. For full resolution, see <http://kofc.org/un/en/conv/2019/daily-conventionnews/index.html#/>.

### **Maryland's KofC Ultrasound Program**

The KofC has donated 23 ultrasound machines to Pregnancy Care Centers throughout Maryland, it is expected that additional machines will be donated in the coming months. The State Ultrasound Program, however, needs additional funds to meet all requests. Can you help? For more information about the ultrasound program or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at [LPGrayson@verizon.net](mailto:LPGrayson@verizon.net).

### **Birthright of Montgomery County**

Women feel they have NO choice but abortion. They have essentially been brainwashed by the culture. They don't hear, or know, that they DESERVE better, they don't hear that there IS better. They are ignorant of the truth and they remain ignorant because no one is talking about it in the manner in which it should be spoken. They are kept in the dark, unwittingly.

Our shelves at Birthright are full of stuff. .... diapers,

clothing, etc. Stuff does not save lives. No woman changed her mind because we were going to give her things. Women who seek our counsel are mostly driven by fear. They have no family support. They often don't even have the support of the father of the baby. Fear. Prayers matter, but there must be cooperation with those prayers. Perfect love casts out fear! Truth in love must be spoken. And repeated. People need to act in a brand new BOLD way to give appropriate voice to this.

Did you know that Catholics make up a large percentage of women having abortion? If the salvation of souls is the business of the church, why won't they speak truth in love?"

Monetary Donations and donations of baby diapers, formula, etc., will be gratefully accepted. Light refreshments will be served. Council members, families, and friends are encouraged to attend.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 25 through November 3 – The Fall campaign of 40 Days for Life will run from September 25 through November 3.** Bethesda: vigil at LeRoy Carhart's clinic in the Wildwood Medical Center; local coordinator is Jill Gadwood, 40daysforlife@gmail.com [In addition, there is a year-round prayer group that prays there every Monday morning from 9-11 AM; for more information check PrayforBethesda.com.
- October 19 – Council Pro-Life Mass, 11AM at Our Lady of Grace Church.** Guest speakers, Pastor Fr. Jim Boccabella and Ms. Fran VanBrocklin, Director of Birthright of Montgomery County will lead a discussion on current Right to Life issues. On the subject of abortion, Ms. VanBrocklin has said that "Priests and pastors of every denomination need to talk to their congregations. Congregations need to talk to their friends. People need to talk and write to the powers that be in the Archdiocese. They need to talk!!! NARAL and Planned Parenthood have a lock on the abortion rights side. Their voice is loud and clear. Where is ours? There is far too much silence.

### CHAPTER NEWS

**Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963**  
 [Website: <http://kofcknights.org/ChapterSite/?D=103>]  
**McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport**



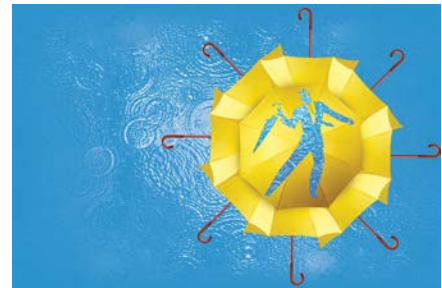
The October meeting will be hosted by Calvert Council #7870.

- Date:** October 16, 2019  
**Time:** Crab & Shrimp Dinner, abbreviated meeting at 7 PM, dinner  
**Location:** St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, 8816 Chesapeake Ave, North Beach MD, 20714.

### FAMILY NEWS

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### SAVE THE DATE Olney Theatre, November 15, 2019



### "SINGING IN THE RAIN"

Our annual gathering includes a pre-performance reception, first-class seating, intermission snacks and an all-round great time.

**MORE INFO TO COME. TICKETS \$45 Show at 8PM, reception begins at 7PM.** The show will go on come snow or RAIN!!!

Contact Joe Feakes by phone at (301) 774-0137, or email: [josephfeakes@aol.com](mailto:josephfeakes@aol.com).

### The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Returns

The council is bringing back the praying of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy prior to each council business meeting. Open to all brother knights, please arrive at Our Lady of Grace Church at 7PM, prior to the business meeting at 730PM. Prayer materials will be provided. Also bring your prayer intentions. This is in keeping with the council "Faith in Action" emphasis.

W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight

### MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

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

### REFLECTIONS

### LeRoy Carhart: The Evolution of a Late-Term Abortionist

(by Lawrence P. Grayson)

In February 2013, Jennifer Morbelli traveled from New York to Germantown, Maryland, to terminate her 33-week pregnancy. She met with LeRoy Carhart, one of only a few doctors in the nation who perform abortions through the third trimester. He administered an injection on Sunday to kill the baby. On Wednesday, after he delivered the dead child, Jennifer went to a nearby hotel to rest. Like Tia Parks, her condition worsened, and that night she was taken to a nearby hospital where she died, having suffered massive internal bleeding.

The emergency-room physician had been unable to contact Carhart to learn what had taken place. He had flown to Nebraska where he planned to perform more abortions the following day.

Carhart, who uses terms such as justice, love and respect in his advertising, does not delude himself. He knows that he kills babies for a living. In a 2019 interview with the BBC, he was asked: "And you don't have a problem with killing a baby?" to which he responded, "Absolutely not. I have no problem if it's in the mother's uterus."

How does one develop such callousness toward human life? Consider the career of this abortionist.

LeRoy Carhart received a medical degree while serving in the U.S. Air Force and upon retirement in 1985 opened a family practice in Bellevue, Nebraska. It was not financially successful, so in 1988 he spent several months learning to do abortions, a procedure he was introduced to in medical school. For the next several years, he worked as a "circuit rider," performing abortions in several states.

Shortly after a fire at his home in 1991, allegedly started by anti-abortion protesters, he decided, "I wasn't just going to be a provider. I was going to be an activist." That decision has driven his subsequent life.

In 1998, he began commuting to Wichita, Kansas, to work as an associate physician with George Tiller, a pioneer in late-term abortions. When Nebraska passed a law banning partial-birth abortions, Carhart sued the state, and in 2000 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the statute was unconstitutional. Congress then enacted the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. Carhart again brought suit, but this time the Supreme Court upheld the ban.

When Tiller was murdered in 2009 by Scott Roeder, an anti-abortion fanatic with a psychiatric history, Carhart promptly announced that he would carry on his legacy by performing later-term abortions in his facility in Bellevue. Nebraska lawmakers, not wanting the state to become an abortion hub, passed a law the following year banning most abortions 20 weeks after conception. Carhart could have moved across the river into Iowa, where abortion regulations were less stringent. "But," he said, "I wouldn't give Right to Life the satisfaction of saying they cut the abortion rate in Omaha by a third."

Rather, in defiance, he set up shop in Maryland, where abortions can be performed in all nine months of pregnancy and became a contract abortionist at a practice in Germantown while continuing his business in Nebraska. Since then, he has flown every few days to perform abortions in both states each week.

From the day Carhart opened his doors in Maryland in December 2010, there has been a year-round vigil of prayer and peaceful public witness near his clinic. Catholic parishes, bishops and priests, Protestant congregations and pastors, national and local pro-life leaders, and people of all ages have come to pray for an end to the killing.

After almost seven years in Germantown, a pro-life group bought the practice in September 2017 and immediately shut it down. The following month, Carhart relocated to Bethesda, Maryland, where abortions and the weekly prayerful opposition continue.

Carhart engages in his gruesome business with an impassive view of life. In 1997, he testified in a U.S. district court that he sometimes dismembered late-stage infants while they were alive, for he could "see the fetal heartbeat on the ultrasound."

In the 2019 BBC interview, he said that he "loves his job" and is proud to perform late-term abortions. He fought against the federal partial-birth abortion ban because he saw no moral difference between killing a partially delivered baby and one still in the womb. The point he misses is the immorality of killing an unborn child in the first place.

Carhart presents himself as a specialist in "second- and third-trimester abortion care." He performs the procedure after 28 weeks, well into the period when an unborn child can feel pain, has a significant chance of survival if delivered, and when most abortionists will not operate.

He advertises "that the care our patients receive is high quality, safe and tailored to their specific health needs." His practice, however, is not safe. At least two women died, and several dozen others have been rushed to nearby hospitals for emergency treatments after abortions at his facilities.

He speaks of "care" and "compassion." Yet, in an almost ghoulish fashion, Carhart provides women with an opportunity to bond with their dead infants, as if they died naturally instead of being deliberately killed. He offers his patients a remembrance "of the precious time with (sic) you and your baby had together." They can hold their aborted children, obtain photographs, footprints and memorial certificates, and request spiritual accommodations before the babies are disposed of as biohazards.

In spite of public opinion, protests, petitions to the state medical board, lawsuits, a congressional investigation into his practices, and being evicted five times because "of a change of heart of the landlord," 78-year-old Carhart tenaciously continues. He works full time providing abortions, teaching other providers the techniques of first- and second-trimester abortions, and acting as a consultant to abortion facilities nationwide.

While abortion practices are closing throughout the country, Carhart is looking to expand his business. In August 2019, a senior staff member at his Bethesda facility said, "We have patients from all across the country and all across the world." The staff is preparing to assist even more women, she continued. "If people want to get an abortion, they are going to have an abortion."

Some may consider the pro-life efforts to be ineffective, but individuals come to pray outside of the facilities even if only to save one life.

Grace Morrison, who led the weekly prayer services in Germantown, said, "We do not know God's plan or the effects of our presence, but we do know that it is our responsibility to be here. If we are not, more babies will die. We have seen that there is an abundance of grace available at this place of great darkness, as we have witnessed many miracle and conversions."

Abortionists may continue to kill babies, but those who are pro-life will pray and stand in opposition.

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### TURBULENT TIMES

(by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori)



#### IN THE FACE OF TRIALS, CHRIST CALLS THE CHURCH TO DEEPER FAITH IN HIS POWER TO SAVE US.

WHEN I BOARD an airplane, I hope the flight will be smooth. No matter how much I've flown, I'm nervous when the plane bounces around and the flight attendants are instructed to take a seat for the rest of the flight. Some passengers take the turbulence in stride; others are openly frightened. Still others are equally frightened but try not to show it. I'm in this last category. It wouldn't do for a man wearing a Roman collar to get frantic. Instead, I discreetly pull out my rosary and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for the pilot, the crew and the passengers (including myself). When the plane lands safely, I offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

Turbulence is an unwelcome experience, which causes heart palpitations and can endanger life and limb. But it also serves a purpose. It reminds us that we really are flying 35,000 feet above the earth, and that's not without risk. Better to keep those seat belts buckled! As noted, turbulence is also good for one's prayer life. As a passenger, I'm in the pilot's hands, but I'm ultimately in God's hands: "Jesus, I trust in you!"

The unnerving ups and downs of turbulence also serve as a good metaphor for life itself. As we begin each day, we hope it will be productive and tranquil. We often pray for lives that are calm and undisturbed. Yet, as we utter such prayers, Scripture rings in our ears. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of wars, famines and earthquakes, and he warns of persecution and even death because of his name (cf. 24:6-9). In John's Gospel, the Lord says, "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (16:33).

We experience turbulence in many ways, both in everyday life and in our life of faith. Sometimes, it's the result of our own folly, as when we betray the trust of others or engage in self-destructive behaviors. At other times, such turbulence is not of our own making. Life's journey can be rough due to illness, financial problems, unemployment, marital discord and controversy of all sorts.

In my life as a priest and bishop, I certainly experience spiritual turbulence. It's not that God's consolations and graces aren't abundant; it's not that the signs of his goodness are lacking. But many of the problems I encounter, especially in this particularly turbulent time for the Church, are deeply distressing.

The Church is in the grip of a global crisis of trust because of clergy sexual abuse and the failures of some bishops. This crisis has shaken the faith of many. Some have stopped going to Sunday Mass; others have left the Church altogether. Corrective measures once deemed effective don't seem to have lessened scandals in the Church.

In the midst of this, what are we to do? Are we simply to grip the nearest pew and hold on tightly? Rather, we need to pray for all we're worth. Sometimes, all I can do is to repeat over and over again: "Jesus, I trust in you!" Both clergy and laity also need to speak their mind about the scandals and do whatever they can to help the Church restore trust and continue its mission of faith, worship and service.

Just as airline passengers see turbulence as a bad thing, we usually recognize life's problems as bad. But turbulence in our Church and in our personal lives also serves a purpose. It reminds us that we are not fully in charge. It reminds us that we need to pray and express in faith our dependence upon God. It builds up perseverance.

And it also confirms the need to change course, to take corrective actions — not looking for the smooth air of untroubled comfort but for a pathway of truth and courage through present trials. Ultimately, the air, or wind, we must seek is divine — the Holy Spirit, who carries us to everlasting life.

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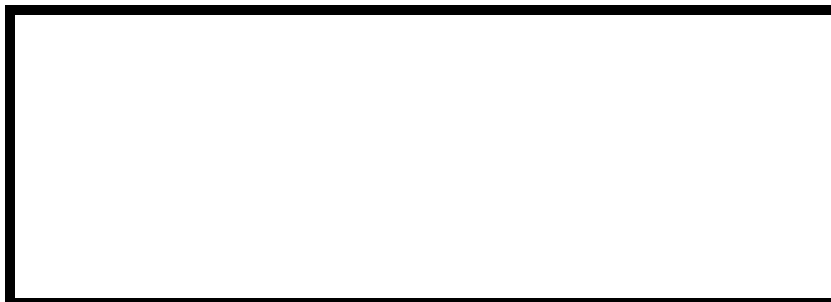
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- OCT 16 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, Calvert Council #7870 – at St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, 8816 Chesapeake Ave, North Beach MD, 20714, Crab & Shrimp Dinner, abbreviated meeting at 7 PM, dinner follows
- OCT 17 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
- OCT 19 SAT Fourth Degree Exemplification, Saint Francis Xavier Church 2800 Pennsylvania Ave SE Washington, DC, 20020. Candidates report at 9:30AM. Exemplification begins at 11:00AM. Email: [josephfeakes@aol.com](mailto:josephfeakes@aol.com)
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- NOV 15 FRI Annual Olney Theater event, featuring "Singing in the Rain". Call Joe Feakes at 301-774-0137 for tickets.
- NOV 20 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, Fr Peter Paul Maher Council #6793 - Our Lady of Grace Church, 15661 Norbeck Rd, Silver Spring MD, 20906, Memorial Mass and Silent Auction, Mass at 7 PM.
- NOV 21 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
- NOV 24 SUN Council Fundraising Dinner
- NOV 27 WED Council Social Meeting (CANCELLED due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
- NOV 28 THU Thanksgiving Day

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