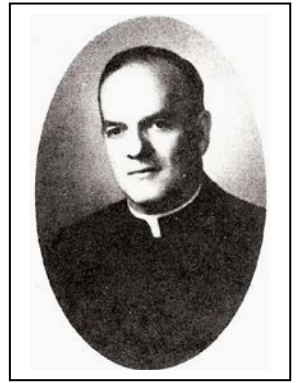


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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October is dedicated to our Blessed Mother as the Month of the Holy Rosary, especially on October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

This feast was originally established as Our Lady of Victory by Pope Pius V after he had cobbled together a coalition of naval forces from Christian states to defend Europe against invasion by the Ottoman Empire in 1571. Prior to the naval encounter, Pope Pius had asked the Christian world to pray the rosary for the preservation of Christianity. When the smaller Christian force encountered the Ottoman fleet at Lepanto, it handed the invading force a defeat from which it would never fully recover, stopping the Muslim advance through Europe.

Pope Gregory XIII changed the title of the feast to the Feast of the Holy Rosary to recognize the prayer that brought victory, and Pope John XXIII changed the name to its present title.

In today's troubled times, both in the Church and in the world, we are reminded of the power of what Padre Pio called the most effective weapon against all evil, the Rosary. Despite continued reminders from Our Lady of the efficacy of this prayer in the pursuit of peace and the salvation of the world, we still do not yet give it its due.

During this month, let us make an intentional effort to make this prayer a standard part of our lives and our

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

commitment to Jesus' Kingdom through Our Lady's intercession. The forces of evil are especially active these days, knowing that their time is short. As we pray for the salvation of the world, we also remember to pray for our Church, for a renewal of all Christians' hearts to lives worthy of the God Who calls us His children, and for healing of all those victimized by abuse, especially by clergy who betrayed their sacred calling as shepherds.

Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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October - Month of the Holy Rosary
November 1 - All Saints Day
November 2 - All Souls Day

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican theologian, Alan de la Roche, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Just a quick reminder that our Car Raffle Tickets must be submitted no later than the evening of October 6, at our Columbus Day Ball. The submittal form can be found on-line, and must accompany the check (40 % of ticket revenue) and ticket stubs.

Although there has been a delay in the delivery of the 2018- 2019 personnel directories, the directories have now been received. Each Grand Knight should have received two (2) directories. If you have not received your directories, please contact me, and I will get them for you. If you would like a

"quick reference " copy, it can be found at the state online address. It is no longer a two (2) book directory, and is 81 pages long, should you wish to print it.

Tootsie Roll supplies have now been received, and should be picked up at the assigned depot.

Your District Warden and I are scheduled to attend the annual Fall Meeting on the weekend of October 27, and should return with a plethora of information.

Please safely enjoy any Halloween related activities.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK Steve Sutkowski, Grand Knight

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I would like to thank Fred and Elaine Taylor, Don Hemke, and Kevin Kennedy for their help in making the Centurion party a success at Our Lady of Grace in September. Also, the help of Steve Goldhammer, Fred Taylor, and others at the Ministry Fair at St. Patrick's and those who were able to attend the Retreat that same weekend. I would also like to thank those who helped at the Grace House Fall Festival, and a special acknowledgement to the work of Fred Whitman in getting volunteers to work the Tootsie Roll campaign at the Olney Liquor during September and into October which was very successful. It appears we will definitely exceed what we took in last year at the liquor store, and that is just what we were aiming for.

I would like to focus the attention of the rest of this report to those members who have not been active in some time. We realize that you may have various work and family commitments, however there is a concept called '24 hour Knights' where we ask each Knight to give us at least one day a year in working a program and activity of interest or to join us at our business or social meetings. Our newsletter and website provides information on our various programs and events, plus you can always contact our program directors for further information on what we have planned for this year in Faith, Family, Community, and Life. I am certain that there is something of interest to anyone in our council and our directors, activity chairmen, and officers are always glad to help. Please consider us in your plans this year.

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.

Yours in Christ.

Steve Sutkowski

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On the 41 claims processed, a total of \$1,953,215.74 benefits were paid out, excluding death proceeds payable from the Order's Fraternal Benefits.

Stop thinking about it. Call or e-mail me to put your life insurance in force, today!

For a list of the individual payouts. I will be happy to send you a copy of this study.

FAITH IN ACTION

Fred Taylor, Chairman, Faith Programs

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One of the Faith Programs required by each Knights of Columbus Council is the "Spiritual Reflection Program". That program provides an opportunity for our Council, in conjunction with our Parishes, to participate in retreats. These retreats are targeted to all parish members, especially families.

Many of our Brother Knights and Ladies participated in a retreat on Saturday, September 22nd at St. Patrick's Church. The Retreat kicked off the Parish Ministry Fair Weekend activities and began with the 9:10 am Mass and finished at noon, led by Father Basil Cole, O.P. It consisted of Mass, followed by periods of instruction, meditation, silence and confessions. It concluded with a group recital of a daytime prayer.

Elaine and I both found this to be a refreshing and spiritually satisfying experience and were happy to have the opportunity to participate.

COUNCIL MEMORIAL MASS

Mark your calendars for our Council Memorial Mass this year on November 10 at 11 am at Our Lady of Grace Church. Brother Knight Chris Romano is taking the lead on that event again this year. Come to remember and pray for our deceased Brother Knights. Please take the time to care for and love each other and to pray the Rosary frequently.

CHURCH NEWS

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Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



CAPS FOR KIDS

Our annual collection of "Winter Caps for Kids" ages 5 to 12 years old begins October 1 and runs through October 30. A collection box will be in the narthex. This event is sponsored by the Interfaith Committee for the Homeless and Working Poor. Caps are distributed to needy families in the area. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



GIVE A WEEKEND TO GOD!

Ignation Weekend Retreat – God's Dream

The men of St. Patrick's go on retreat each year at LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC – A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Our Ignatian Weekend of silence includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. The retreat begins Friday evening October 26 and concludes with lunch on Sunday, October 28.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Jack Gibala at jackgibala@aol.com or 301-871-8122. A deposit of \$115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 30.) You can also reserve online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. "Come Away and Rest Awhile."

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



PILGRIMAGE TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH

On October 7, Saint Peter's will celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of our church and altar—our parish anniversary. To mark the occasion, please join Father Q for the annual "pilgrimage-into-history" on Saturday, October 6, at 9:15 a.m. We will begin after Saturday morning Mass with a walking tour of Saint Peter's campus and its hidden history. Pilgrims' recollections are welcome! We will then drive to two 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 reservations needed. Just join us in the Main Church at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 6. Please bring a bottle of water, as well as money for lunch if you choose to go. The tour finishes at 12:30 p.m., and lunch should conclude no later than 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kevin Kennedy, Chairman, Community Programs
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We are working with St. Peters Church for their Christmas Bazaar set for the first weekend in December. Our council prepares and serves the Breakfast with St. Nick on Saturday morning for all who attend. If you can spare a couple of hours to assist in the serving of the meal, we would love to have you!!

I have ordered the materials for the programs that Supreme would like us to carry out, unfortunately they are on back order. Once I have the materials I will report on the programs we hope to carry out this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesu!
Kevin Kennedy

INWOOD HOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY

We will be hosting our annual Halloween party at the Inwood House which assists disabled and elderly residents on Friday, October 27 with preparations starting at 3:00 PM.

The Inwood House is located at 10921 Inwood Ave in Silver Spring, MD. We set up decorations, provide costume awards, a raffle for prizes, an entertainer, and also dinner and drinks for the residents. We need help in these areas (outside of the entertainer) so please consider assisting us. You can contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-580-5820 for more information.

ELECTION NEWS

As reported last month, the Chancellor position is vacant. If you wish to serve your fellow brothers, and learn more about Council operations, this is an excellent position for you!!! Any third degree member is eligible. Please contact Kevin J. Kennedy PGK, or Grand Knight Steve Sukowski with questions or to place your name in nomination..

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.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The Exemplification for the Fourth Degree is scheduled for October 20, 2018 in Hollywood Maryland. The degree begins with registration at 9am and should be concluded after lunch by 2PM.

To register please contact the Faithful Navigator of the Sullivan Brothers Assembly or contact Joseph Feakes at 301-774-0137 or via email at: josephfeakes@aol.com

Registration closes on October 6th.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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Following are the upcoming Respect Life events/activities at St. Patrick's in October. Please see the St. Patrick's Sunday bulletins for further info and/or call SK Steve Goldhammer at 301-570-9613 if you want to participate or have any questions:

40daysforLife – Sept. 26 – Nov. 4 -

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/bethesda/>

Deborah is the current contact for 40daysforLife in Bethesda 301-351-5940. Please go to the above link to sign up for vigil hours.

Donut Sunday - Sunday, October 14

We will be the featured ministry at the parish coffee & donuts social after morning Masses. We hope to have tables for kids to make Rosaries or color in pictures of Rosaries based upon ages.

Baby Item Collection –Sunday, Oct. 28

We'll be collecting baby bottles & baby supplies at masses throughout the month of October. Help needed with collection.

Speaker – We may have a speaker series 3rd week of October; Parishioner Charlie Hoffman will speak one evening; please submit speaker suggestions. Dates TBD.

Movie/documentary – We hope to show a respect life movie/documentary after one of the 9:10 Masses. Date TBD.

Tepeyac Prayer Service – 12th of every month after the 9:10 Mass. Keep Dec. 12 open for an event here, too. Time/details TBD.

Pray! – Please pray for a pro-life Supreme Court justice to replace Justice Kennedy. Also, see link to U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Novena for Legal Protection of Human Life: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm>.

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
Lou Rizzo	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Linda Simpson	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Sherry Colliton	Sister/ Andy Colliton
Kate Carroccio	Friend/ Andy Colliton
Stanley Sutkowski	Son/ Steve Sutkowski
Luke Engler	Friend/ Don Hemke
Margaret Schwanke	Widow/Brother Knight
Joan Santaiti	Friend/ Don Hemke
Phyllis Harmeyer	Wife's cousin/ Ron Herberg
Joe Romano	PGK and Uncle/ Chris Romano
Dennis Gehley	Friend/ Fred Whitman
Audrey Sellers	Sister-in-law/ Fred Whitman
Bill Schecter	Friend/ Fred Whitman

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

FAMILY NEWS

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OLNEY THEATRE PERFORMANCE

THERE ARE LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE for the November 16 performance of ELF at the Olney Theatre.

The \$45 cost includes a reception before the play, center balcony seating and an intermission snack. The reception begins at 7pm, show starts at 8.

For more information or tickets contact Joseph Feakes at 301-774-0137 or josephfeakes@aol.com

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



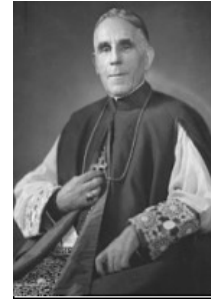
MARIAN ICON PRAYER OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

A Higher Purpose Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Icon Prayer Program. As the new Marian Icon is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Icon for a prayer service at their parish.

The 2018-2019 Marian Icon Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian Icon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Like its predecessors, the program features a Marian image, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

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!

September Chapter Meeting

Date: October 17, 2018

Time: 8PM

Location: Calvert Council #7870, 8816 Chesapeake Ave, North Beach, MD

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

KNIGHTS IN ACTION: HELP IS HERE

As North Carolina Knights begin reaching out with relief supplies and volunteer help more is still needed



In the past 13 years living in Wallace, NC, Mark Hopkins has never seen a worse disaster than Hurricane Florence.

Stories like this are being heard throughout the areas of North Carolina hit by the storm. And Knights are heading out to those areas bringing relief supplies and assistance.

The storm rapidly flooded his property, wrecking Hopkins' home and leaving him and his family like they are stranded on an island. In order to travel from his yard to the road, he needs to use a kayak.

He journeyed from his home to the Transfiguration Church, where he serves as chancellor and community director for Father Bernadine Council 12921, and was relieved to see members of the Knights of Columbus from around the state delivering supplies to his parish.

"I'm overwhelmed," Hopkins said. "It's good to know fellow Knights are out there."

The church hall was a shelter when the storm hit, but has morphed into a supply depot for the Hispanic, agricultural community in which a majority are still without power and without well-water. The church itself was without power for six days following Florence's landfall.

The supply caravan, led by North Carolina State Advocate Chris Losack, gathered in the early morning at Father Tom Price Council Hall in Raleigh. Members from Wilmington, Kernersville, Greensboro and Fuquay Varina, filled up their vehicles and a truck with bottles of water, paper towels, cleaning supplies, tubs of clothing, food, dry detergent, masks, garbage bags and insect repellent to the Wallace area. The caravan traveled over an hour to reach their destination.

On the journey the remnants of Hurricane Florence were visible everywhere. Major highways were detoured at the behest of local authorities. Downed trees lined the back roads. Windows were still boarded. While people have come trickling back to survey the damage to their homes and stores, more troubles are forecasted in coastal areas. Several rivers, including Cape Fear River, are expected to crest in coming days, threatening flooding to the surrounding areas yet again.

However, the Knights plan to be back in Wallace in the days to come, as well as other towns affected by Florence including Havelock, Lumberton, Jacksonville.

Joseph Owens from Father Albert J. Todd Council 12119 in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., one of the Knights who trekked from Raleigh to Wallace, said, "Being a Knight, I feel called that I have to come down here and help. You know that's what we do as Knights."

He added, "The people that have seen us, it's great because it's almost a relief. They're like, 'Oh, that's a Knights of Columbus. I know that there's help around here.'"

These areas still need the Knights of Columbus. You can help by donating to here -

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html>

A PRIESTLY HEART

The witness of St. John Vianney encourages us to grow in holiness, fidelity and love

(by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori)

THE ANNUAL Supreme Convention always concludes with the holy sacrifice of the Mass offered for fellow Knights, families and loved ones who died during the past fraternal year. Present at that Mass are relics of saints who are near and dear to the Knights of Columbus. This year, for example, we venerated St. John Paul II, our beloved K of C Mexican Martyrs and St. Edith Stein. We also venerated the relics of two saints who are part of the history of the Archdiocese of Baltimore: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native born citizen of the United States to be canonized; and St.

John Neumann, who was ordained a bishop in 1852 at St. Alphonsus Church in downtown Baltimore.

Relics are precious and holy reminders of our closeness to the saints. They tell us that saints were flesh and- blood persons, unique individuals, in whom and through whom God's holiness shone forth. They spur us to strive, in God's grace, to lead lives of integrity, virtue and charity.

One particular relic we venerated during this year's convention touched me very deeply. It was the heart of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests. Vianney was born in 1786 in Dardilly, France, to parents who were poor but devout. In their home, the seeds of a priestly vocation were planted in their son's heart, but his path to the priesthood was arduous as he struggled with his studies. Ordained to the priesthood in 1815, Vianney was soon appointed pastor of a parish in the remote village of Ars. Arriving there, he found that the faith was all but dead among the villagers.

Father Vianney's priestly heart, however, burned with love for Jesus and for the people he was sent to serve. This priest, whose talents were regarded as mediocre, brought the parish at Ars back to life by bringing many of his parishioners back to the practice of the faith. He did so not by strategic planning, but rather by the force of his integrity and holiness, the fruit of his daily prayer centered on the Blessed Sacrament, his practice of self-mortification, his untiring love for his parishioners, his long hours in the confessional, and his confrontation with evil. Soon, his remote parish began to attract people from all over France and even from other parts of Europe. It was an unlikely place to become a center for reevangelization and renewal, but God, in his providence, raised up a good and holy shepherd to lead the way.

St. John Vianney, who had not been regarded as promising by his superiors, set a very high standard for every bishop and priest. Gazing upon his priestly heart, I was deeply moved. I was filled with gratitude and hope. At the same time, I was struck by my own shortcomings as a person and as a shepherd. I also could not help but think of how the Church's mission of evangelization is harmed when her bishops and priests are mired in infidelity — either personal misconduct or failures of leadership.

By contrast, when in God's grace a shepherd strives, like St. John Vianney, for authentic goodness and holiness, what a difference it makes. The faith is true, good and salvific — but it becomes credible when preached and borne witness to by shepherds whose deeds bear the marks of integrity, by shepherds who are firmly on the road to holiness, by shepherds who are filled with pastoral love.

In these days when the misdeeds of shepherds are so painfully evident, may I say a word of encouragement and thanks to you, the family of the Knights of Columbus? Your love of the faith, your practice of the principle of charity, and your support for the Church's bishops and priests are a great gift. You help us live the vocation God has given us. As supreme chaplain of the Knights, I have experienced this time and again. Thank you. And please do pray for me, for your chaplains, and for all members of the clergy. Pray that we might have in us a priestly heart, like that of St. John Vianney — that is to say, a heart like unto that of Christ.



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OCT 10 WED -- Council Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World

NOV 10 SAT -- Council Memorial Mass, 11:00AM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Church, Leisure World

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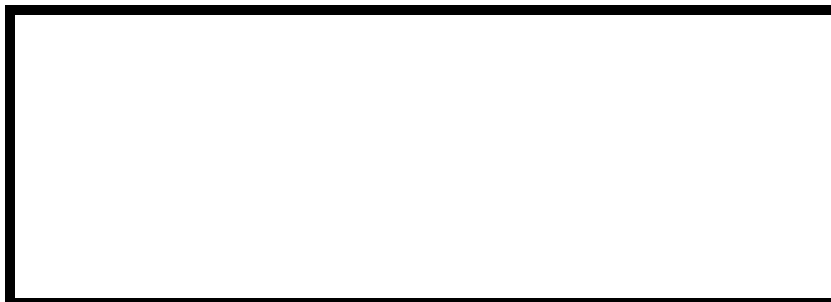
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OCT 10 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
OCT 20 THU Exemplification for the Fourth Degree, Hollywood, Maryland. Please contact Joseph Feakes at 301-774-0137 or email: josephfeakes@aol.com to register
OCT 24 WED **Social Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
OCT 27 FRI Inwood House Halloween Party, 3:00PM. For more information, contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-589-5820



NOV 1 THU All Saints Day
NOV 2 FRI All Souls Day
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NOV 10 SAT **Council Memorial Mass**, 11:00AM, Our Lady of Grace Church, Leisure World
NOV 14 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
NOV 28 WED **Social Meeting (CANCELLED)**

► For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred L. Whitman on 240-550-1007.
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