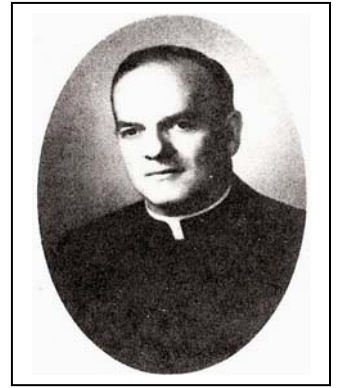


Father Maher's Knightly News

FR. PETER PAUL MAHER COUNCIL 6793 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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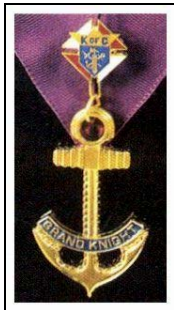


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight

[E-mail: Jgiacal@verizon.net ~ Phone: 301-774-6338]



As we enter into this Christmas season, Phyllis and I, Joe and Lynn Feakes would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We all hope that 2014 will bring a renewed sense of enthusiasm, fraternity and encourage new and continued support for our council and its programs. "Come Grow With Us!"

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Firestone, District Deputy #30

[E-mail: tf6687@aol.com ~ Phone: 240-753-5200]



TERRY WATERS, HIS WIFE, LINDA, MY WIFE, SUSAN, AND I WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

2013 – 2014 Motto: *Come Grow With Us!*

CATHOLICS, COME HOME

By Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight

Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council will be sponsoring three newspaper ads in the Gazette this Advent season. The first is pictured below. The others will be placed in December and each will be a little different. Working with our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Rogers, it is our goal to get "Catholics to come Home" this Christmas season. What better way to begin to "come home" than by going to confession?

The ads will be featured in the Olney and Rockville Gazette newspapers for Nov 20, Dec 4 and 18. There will also be How to go to Confession cards handed out by Brother Knights at Masses in December. We intend to continue this program through Easter of 2014 and beyond with various programs and events. Both Fr. Kalita and Msgr. Antonicelli have reviewed and are supportive of the program. We will keep you posted.

REDISCOVER GOD'S MERCY, REDISCOVER THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"God never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness!"
- Pope Francis



- Is your heart heavy? Do you feel burdened by choices of the past? Do you need to start over in your spiritual life? How about rediscovering the gift of making a good confession?
- "But, Father, I can't remember the prayers, and it's been such a long time." Don't worry. Our parish priests are waiting for you to help you rediscover the gift of God's forgiveness.
- Why wait? Come home to Jesus. Rediscover His mercy. Rediscover the Catholic Church.

Saint Peter's Parish
2900 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
Olney, MD / (301) 924-3774
www.stpetersolney.org
Confession Schedule

EVERY SATURDAY 3:30 – 4:30 PM
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY 8:00PM – 9:45 PM

Saint Patrick's Parish
4101 Norbeck Road
Rockville, MD / (301) 924-2284
www.stpatricksmd.org
Confession Schedule

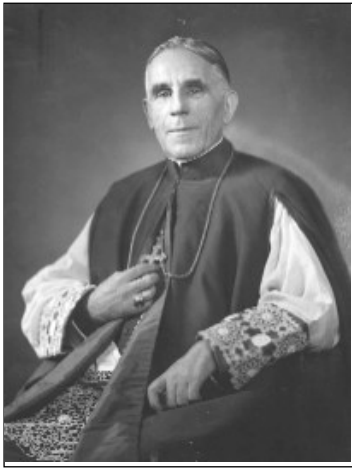
EVERY SATURDAY 4:00 – 5:00 PM



This ad is sponsored by Father Peter Paul Maher Council 6793, Olney Md. www.kofc6793.org

BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963



Next meeting is Friday, December 13, 2013 at St. Agnes Council #4449 **Baltimore Chapter Christmas Party: 7:00 PM 2021 Frederick Rd.; Catonsville, MD 21228.**
Chapter website: <http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore/>

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Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very highly. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said the Supreme Knight. *"There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for*

us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come. "Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. *"But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."*

To learn more about our products, contact me today.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD AND NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES

Paul D. McFarlane, PGK, Food for Families Chairman



Santa can't fulfill everyone's wishes...

Please buy a few of the items below and bring them to any Council meeting or function.

Dried Beans or Peas - Macaroni and Cheese - Spaghetti and other Pastas - Snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, nuts) - Cold or Hot Cereals - Juices - Pancake Mix - Syrup - Chili - Canned Fruits and Vegetables - Rice (bagged or boxed) - Peanut Butter - Jelly - Jell-O - Pudding Mixes - Canned meats (Spam, Vienna Sausage, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew - Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk - Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) - Ramen Noodles, etc.

PLEASE CHECK "SELL BY" DATES ON ALL ITEMS.

We're also collecting toiletries and laundry products!

Please donate any new, unopened personal care toiletries (i.e. tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, shampoo, conditioner, body lotions, etc.) any laundry products (i.e. laundry soap, fabric softener, dryer sheets, spray spot remover, etc.).



**JOIN US FOR CAROLING
AT MONTGOMERY GENERAL HOSPITAL**



All Knights and their families are invited to join in singing Christmas carols for the patients at Montgomery General Hospital on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013**. We will meet in the lobby of the hospital at 6:45PM and sing carols on the floors from 7 to 8PM. The patients really enjoy this and it's a very rewarding experience for all participants! A good singing voice is NOT necessary. Please come and join the fun! Call Steve Goldhammer on 301-570-9613 with questions. Due to hospital rules, no children under age 12 are permitted.

FAMILY NEWS

◆ **Family Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 15 (3-6PM) See flyer for details

◆ **Olney Theatre "Knights Out"**

Wednesday, December 18 (7PM) See flyer for details

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Steve Goldhammer, PGK, Membership Director



Congratulations to three of our Council members who recently took their Third Degree: Kevin Fields, Joseph Okoye, and Robert Elliott! All of you Second Degree members are encouraged to save the date of 21 February 2014 when our Council will be hosting a Third Degree in the evening at St. Patrick's. Those of you who haven't seen the new Third Degree Exemplification are encouraged to attend the February ceremony to see the beautiful improvements and renew your commitment to Fraternity, one of the principles of our Order.

We're starting to make a little headway in our recruiting efforts, but we're still nowhere near our goal. Besides our two new members this year, we now have four candidates ready to take their First Degree and four other prospects. Thanks go to Brothers Bob Callaway, Joe Krempasky, and John Feldmann for each signing up a new member! If they can do it, you can too. Please take the time to ask someone you know to join our Council or at least come to our next info session at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 10 December in the room next to the chapel at St. Peter's to find out more about our Council and the Knights. Better yet, bring them to the info session.

Thanks for your help. Please call me at (301) 570-9613 if you have any questions.

COUNCIL RECRUITMENT CONTEST UPDATE



HOFFICERS	1	DIRECTORS	0
ECHAIRMEN	1	MEMBERSHIP	0

Here's an update of our Recruitment Contest, identified by the four Council categories. We all need to get going and do some recruiting! I know they are out there! **Total Recruited Since JUL/01/2013 = 2.**

Remember, you'll earn a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice for you and your Spouse or other Dining Companion. One officer, one chairman, one director (trustees are in this group) and one brother knight in the general membership can be winners. The brother knight who recruits the most new members through June 30, 2014 will be eligible provided everyone in his group recruits 1 new member. For the general membership to qualify the officers, chairman and directors must recruit one new member each. **Including December, you have 7 months to win \$100!**

Coats for Kids

The Supreme Council's annual "Coats for Kids" program provides warm coats to needy children. Since January of 2009 the Knights of Columbus has distributed more than 115,000 coats to kids throughout the United States and Canada. Our council can order boxes of 12 new coats that come in a variety of sizes and colors for \$220 only \$18.33 per coat, includes \$25 shipping costs.

The coats would be shipped to us and then provided to a local charitable organization, of our choosing, for distribution. Donation checks should be made to 'Knights of Columbus Council 6793', add "Coats" in the memo section of your check. Please consider supporting this very worthwhile cause. Checks can be mailed to me at 3901 Shallow Brook Lane, Olney, MD 20832 or brought to one of our meetings by the end of January 2014.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

"WE STICK TOGETHER!"

Rockville, MD—Montgomery County—Instituted Aug 27, 2004

Sir Knight Harry Bushar, Faithful Navigator

[www.sullivan2861.org]



Sullivan Brothers Assembly **Executive Meetings** are held the **first Thursday** of the month at 8PM. **Business Meetings** are held the **third Thursday** of the month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONTRIBUTIONS

State Deputy William C. Kuchmas, III asks each member of the Maryland State Jurisdiction to make a contribution to the **Religious Liberty Fund**. This is a national effort to restore the First Amendment Right of Religious Freedom. Archbishop Lori is Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Religious Liberty. The Archbishop will be the main celebrant at next year's State Convention Mass and we will present these donations to him thereafter.

Endorse your check to "**The Maryland State Council-Religious Liberty**" and mail to Steve Cohen, State Treasurer, 226 Hopkins Road, Baltimore, MD 21212. Collections begin now through the middle of April 2014.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. Application period is from October 1, 2013 to February 1, 2014. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1,

2014. Complete information on these scholarships, applications, and information regarding eligibility for awards is on the State website at: www.kofc-md.org Select the **Scholarship Opportunities** link. Online applications preferred. Otherwise, write to:

Maryland State Knights of Columbus Council
Philip L. Asplen, PSD, Chairman, Scholarship Committee
2008 Copperwood Way, Fallston, MD 21047

*Information about the **Supreme Council Scholarship Program** is also available on the MD-State website.*

Charity Fund Work Place Donation Information Source: MD State Yahoo Site, 11/04/13

Brother Knights and Ladies: Due to an administrative issue, the *Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc.* will not be included in the Maryland Charity Campaign for state employees and retirees for the upcoming campaign cycle. The inconvenience is regretted. For those who usually participate in the Maryland Charity Campaign, please consider donating through another United Way campaign that is available to you or through Charity Fund envelopes which have been made available to councils.

If participating in another United Way affiliated campaign, our United Way ID code is 5834. If contributing through any other charity campaign, please ensure that the Charity Fund address below is included in your pledge voucher in the "DONOR OPTION" section: Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc., 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

For the upcoming campaign, the Charity Fund is participating in three Combined Federal Campaigns (National Capital Area, St Mary's County, and Central Maryland). Our CFC ID code is 78166. The ID code **MUST BE USED** to correctly route your donation. Call me with questions on 410-687-5079 or e-mail me at michael4hand@yahoo.com.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS & ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE



Share Christ this Christmas by giving friends and loved ones a beautiful religious card and/or a keepsake ornament! Look for this beautiful display at any Father Peter Paul Maher council event this Christmas Season or contact Marc Long on 301-518-1040 to place your order.

GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE!



U-KNIGHT INTERACTIVE WEBSITE
Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight



As of November 1, 2013, Father Peter Paul Maher Council's new web site is up and running on **UKnight**. Just type our URL: www.kofc6793.org into your web browser and have fun exploring the new site! I will be providing additional tips and tricks to know about our new site in upcoming monthly Father Maher's Knightly News newsletters. In the meantime please direct your attention to the **EVENT CALENDAR**, to view upcoming activities and events, **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** for important messages the **PHOTO GALLERIES** for some pictures and **PRAYER REQUESTS** to add someone to the prayer list.

After you have explored the site please let me know what you think by sending me an e-mail from the web site, it's easy to do. Select **OFFICERS**, then under Grand Knight, select **EMAIL ME**. Enjoy the new site!

We have scheduled a "Get to know U Knight" familiarization session to be held on Thursday January 9, 2014 at 8pm in the Parish Hall at St. Peters. It will be a step by step real time large screen computer driven presentation of the web site. Please join us and learn more about this great interactive site!

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Monsignor Charles V. Antonicelli



YOU'VE GOT A GREAT SMILE. NOW, SHARE IT!

Each night hundreds of men and women who are homeless rely on Catholic Charities shelters for a safe place to sleep. During the cold months especially, extra helping hands and warm smiles are a great asset to our staff. Please consider becoming a hospitality volunteer – greeting clients, distributing toiletries, and sharing the light of Christ with some of our most vulnerable neighbors. For more information, please call Hilary Bragg, 202-772-4300 x402 or visit: www.catholicCharitiesDC.org/Hospitality

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Annual Women's Retreat
Finding Christ in Your Story

Calling all women of our parish to consider taking some personal time out to rest in the Lord and enjoy the company of other faith-filled women. Saint Peter's Annual Women's Retreat will be held Friday, January 17 through Sunday, January 19, at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, West Virginia. Father Michael Heine, OFM Conv., Director of the Shrine of Saint Anthony in Ellicott City, will be our Retreat Director. For registration information, please visit Saint Peter's Web site, www.stpetersolney.org.

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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
Susan Mann	Friend/Don Hemke FS
James Padams	Brother Knight/Council 6793
Ben Popera	Friend/Don Hemke FS
Kayla MacBride	Niece of Fr. Kalita
George Svejda	Brother Knight
Donna d'Almeida	Wife/Innocent d'Almeida
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Barbara & Bob Mazonkey
Cheryl Brown	Niece/Innocent d'Almeida
Dottie Chen	Sister-in-Law/Homer Chen
Frank Chen	Friend/Homer Chen
Cindy Boland	Wife/ Tim Boland
Tom Snider	Brother Knight/ I. d'Almeida
Joseph Waters	Father/Terry Waters, DD-30 Warden
Dolores Verges	Friend Dana Perry
Louis Krempasky	Father/Joseph Krempasky, PGK
Dan Heath	Charter Member 6793
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke, FS
Kathryn Wharton	Aunt/Paul McFarlane, PGK
James Padams	Brother Knight 6793
Stephania Brant	Friend/Dana Perry
Joan Bruno	Grandmother/Dave Bruno
Dr. Bill Colliton	Father/Andy Colliton
Patricia Gulban	Cousin/Bill Gulban
Dan Dudak	Cousin/Bill Gulban
Roger Taylor	Son-in-Law/Chuck Cozad
Janet Cook	Mother-in-Law/Marc Long
Bettie Hartley	Friend/Marc Long
Francis Gregory	Brother Knight/Don Hemke
Dorothy Marceron	Grandmother/Marc Long
Kunigunde Menzel	Wife/Karl Menzel
Maura Shaffer	Wife/Ed Shaffer
Catherine Rizzo	Friend/Council 6793
Leon Amaducci	Friend/Chris Romano
Judy Myers	Wife/Jim Myers

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

† *Remember those who died in the Philippine's typhoon.*



Our Council website [www.kofc6793.org] links to the MD State Council's website [www.kofc-md.org] where you will find the latest State news. There's also a link to the Supreme Council's website [<http://www.kofc.org>] where you can learn more about the global reach of our Order.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

ANDY COLLITON

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

STEPHEN & MARILYN GOLDHAMMER

JOIN THIS \$1,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE!



Again this year, an anonymous Council Brother offers to "match your donations" to our Seminarians' Fund up to \$1,000! **This most generous challenge is effective through June 15, 2014.** Please make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 6793" and mail it to Don Hemke, Financial Secretary, Council 6793, 18729 Willow Grove Road, Olney, MD. 20832. As this Brother Knight says, "Here is your opportunity to make an offering to our High Priest and for those who aim to follow Him in the seminary."

38th ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE EVENT



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 22, 2014 at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall... Volunteers are needed for this event that's been held since our Council's Institution in 1976! See attached flyer for details.

PRO-LIFE "CULTURE OF LIFE" NEWS



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 7PM WED/DEC/11

Remember to arrive just before 7PM to our council business meetings to take part in our dedicated prayer time for the promotion of Pro-Life activities and Catholic vocations today. We gather in the OLGChapel at 7PM to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Chaplet materials are provided. Just bring a genuine desire to join your brother knights in prayer. This activity will not interfere with the normal 7:30PM business meeting start time.

YOUR KNIIGHTHOOD DEGREE DESIGNATION

Don Hemke, Financial Secretary Council 6793



Many council members have realized their knighthood degree designation printed on their current KofC membership card is not correct. This is because the Supreme database experienced difficulty when the database was upgraded to an interactive Windows based system (called Member Management) several years ago. We know there are many of our council members whose degree designation were compromised and are still incorrect. I have been working to find and resolve this problem with members over the past two years during the annual payment of council dues.

Our council Advancement Director, Chuck Cozad, has been asked to help resolve this problem by contacting the council members to verify their correct degree designation. I want to thank you in advance for any help you can provide to complete this effort in a timely fashion. And accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. To begin, we need EACH OF YOU who has access to email to provide your email address to me at gumpermd@verizon.net. DO IT NOW, TODAY! Call with questions (301-774-7511). Thanks!

SUPREME NEWS

Knights of Columbus Welcomes Archbishop Leonard Blair to Hartford, Connecticut



Statement of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

“As an organization headquartered in the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Knights of Columbus is pleased to welcome our new Archbishop – His Excellency Leonard Blair. Throughout his time in Michigan, at the Vatican and most recently in Ohio, our Archbishop-designate has shown himself to be a quintessential pastor and shepherd. We thank Pope Francis for this outstanding appointment and stand ready to assist our new Archbishop in whatever ways we can. As our brother Knight for more than 19 years, we hope he will find in this appointment something of a homecoming.”

COUNCIL YOUTH NEWS

Andrew Colliton, Youth Activities Director



Watch this space for details of the February 2014 Basketball Free-throw event!

Lawrence P. Grayson A Season of Hope in Dark Times

The Church experienced a rebuff recently in the culture war against religion. In spite of a letter from the U.S. Catholic bishops about dire effects of the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), the Senate voted overwhelmingly on November 7 in favor of it. The act bans workplace discrimination based on a person's self-proclaimed gender identity. The battle now moves to the House of Representatives. This is the latest assault on religious liberty in America. *Roe v. Wade*, Obamacare, a growing number of states recognizing same-sex marriage, statutes legalizing physician-assisted suicide, and a host of other laws and regulations are creating a dark moral climate in the nation. In just the past few months, Christian photographers in New Mexico were fined for declining to photograph a commitment ceremony between lesbians; a Christian-owned bakery in Oregon was harassed out of business for not creating a wedding cake for a gay couple; bathrooms and locker rooms in California schools now can be used by any student regardless of his or her gender; and under the HHS healthcare mandate companies soon will be heavily fined if they do not provide their employees with health insurance that covers contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

At the time of Our Lord's birth, Rome sanctioned homosexuality, suicide, gay marriage, abortion, pornography, and other lustful perversions. Does the permissiveness of that ancient culture not appear familiar? Are we not recreating a pre-Christian pagan moral climate? The movement toward an anti-Catholic, anti-Christian, secularist, anything goes society has been underway for many decades. Like a viscous fluid running downhill, the movement to replace religious constraints on behavior with an unrestrained licentiousness has been slow, but steady. Each encroachment typically has been a small change from what was previously accepted, and thus has gained continued toleration. The cumulative effect, however, is staggering. The current moral temper of the nation is far removed from that of the 1990s, farther from that of the 1970s, and farther still from that of the 1950s.

Christmas soon will be here. This marks the most-significant religious, historical and cultural event in the Western world. It is the overt celebration of the Son of God coming into the world, assuming a human form, and leading a life that would make atonement for our sins. For many years, there has been an effort to secularize this religious remembrance – to ban Nativity scenes from city halls and shopping malls, to expunge Christmas programs and carols from school plays, to replace the greeting "Merry Christmas" with "Happy Holidays," in effect, to expel from public notice that same Christ Child who could find no place in the public inn. This is occurring in spite of the fact that 95% of Americans say they celebrate Christmas, and 62% claim to attend religious services either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. It is probable that most of these people do not know or have forgotten the meaning of Christmas. It is more likely that they celebrate Xmas, a month-long frenzy of shopping, gift-giving and partying.

We can no longer hide our religious beliefs and deemphasize their public expression? There can be no further accommodation without a total annihilation of Catholic identity, of its erasure from the memories of our young. There can be no further retreat without a total loss of religious freedom, of societal mores based on virtue and morality, and of a public recognition that we and this nation owe our existence to God. In spite of the moral darkness of our time, there is hope. And that hope rests on Our Lord. Things can change. Many good Catholics and other Christians still live in America. The answer is to begin a counter-movement – and it must start now.

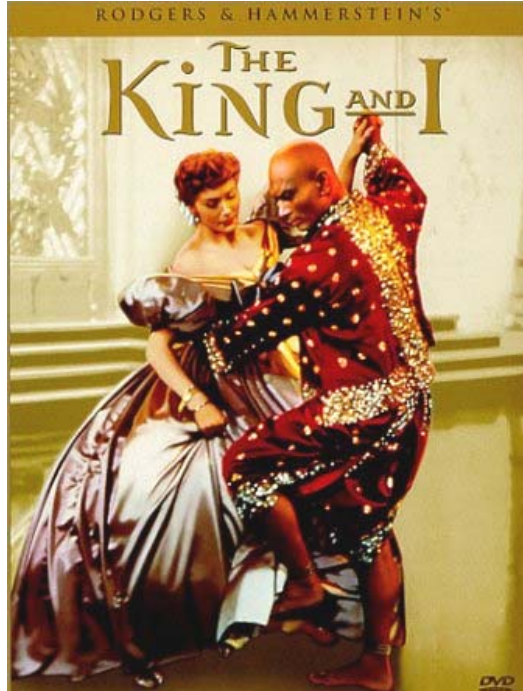
A new liturgical year began with Advent on December 1. Since the 4th century, the Church has designated this as a period of preparation and expectant waiting for the coming of the Lord. It is a season of hope. St. Paul reminded the Ephesians that before their encounter with Christ, they were without hope. In spite of their gods, they were without God, in a dark world, facing a dismal future. Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Spe Salve (Saved in Hope)*, points out that with the coming of Christ, Christians "have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness...The dark door of time, the future, has been thrown open. The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." If people really understood and acted on the meaning of Advent, the world would be a different place. Advent originally was designated as a preparatory period of mortification and fasting. The rules for observance were later relaxed, but the season remains one of penitence.

Is it difficult to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas? Can we not do something each day to ready ourselves for the coming of Christ – say the rosary daily, spend an hour each week in Eucharistic Adoration, abstain from meat on Fridays, go to Confession, attend Mass more frequently, meditate on the liturgical readings through which the penitential spirit of the season is exemplified? If we do, the results will be profound. As Pope Benedict reminded us, "we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present." For our own sake, and the sake of the people we love, have hope and pray. When we do, the world *will* be a different place.



A FAMILY EVENING AT THE OLNEY THEATER

Wednesday, December 18, 2013



Reception at 7PM * Performance at 8PM**
Adults = \$45. Children (18 and Under) = \$36.
Box Office Prices \$55 and \$48.50

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6793, has reserved a block of tickets for an evening at the award winning Olney Theater! The play is Roger and Hammerstein's *The King and I*. *It is the story of Anna, a British school teacher hired by the King of Siam to help modernize his country.* This Tony Award winner for Best Musical features some of the theatre's loveliest and well-known music including "Shall We Dance," "Hello Young Lovers," and "Getting to Know You." (Recommended for ages 5 and up!)

The play will be preceded by a complimentary reception at the theatre with refreshments for all ages.

This Knights of Columbus activity has been a resounding success in the past and is certain to be so again! Consider children, grandchildren, and friends for this great evening to kick off the holiday season! **Our sales are limited to the number of tickets we have reserved, so make your plans early!**

To purchase tickets or for more information contact:
John E. Moore on 240-877-8912(cell) or e-mail at jem1234@verizon.net



**Knights of Columbus
Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793**

Announce Our Annual

Family Christmas Party



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013, 3 - 6PM

St. Peter's Parish Hall – 2900 Olney-Sandy-Spring Rd., Olney, MD 20832

Each family is asked to bring a main dish *or* side dish for 10.

Council will provide hors d'oeuvres, salad, beverages and desserts!

****Christmas Music *Great Food *Gifts
*A Visit from SANTA *Christmas Raffle Drawing
*Introduction of Seminarians and much more!***

**Please contact John Moore Cell 240-277-8912 or email (jem1234@verizon.net)
or contact Innocent d'Almeida 301-871-6156 or e-mail
(ipdalmeida@verizon.net) by December 9th.**

Tell us the number of people in your group and ages of any children you'll be bringing.

Our Council's 38th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day 2014 (Jointly Sponsored with Olney Lions Club)



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2014

8:00AM to 2:00PM

St. John's Episcopal Church Hall (Olney)
Olney-Laytonsville Road (Rt. 108, across from the Olney Library)



Your participation benefits The Lions Club's "*Community Activities Fund*" and our Council's "*College Scholarship Fund*"



Volunteer 7-11AM or 11AM-3PM -- It's family fun!



Purchase a "Business or Patron ad" and get two complimentary tickets!

- Pricing and Ad Sizes: 1/8 page (Business Card Size)..... \$30.00
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Communion Breakfast

**Sunday, January 26, 2014, Following the 9 a.m. Mass at the
Parish Hall, Saint Peter's Parish in Olney**

Scrambled Eggs and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Mini-Danish, Assorted Bagels

Butter, Cream Cheese, Coffee & Orange Juice

Cost: \$12 per Adult, \$7 for Children 3–10 years old, and Free for Children under 3

All proceeds will go to the State Ultrasound Program



**Special Guest Speaker: Richard Siejack PSD, KoC State of Maryland Ultrasound Project
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We dedicate this Communion Breakfast to LIFE.

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Join your council families at St. Peter's Parish Hall for a great meal and news of the MD State's Ultra Sound Project. *See attached flyer for details!*
- ▶ **Saturday, February 22 – Council's 28th Annual Pancake/Sausage Day**
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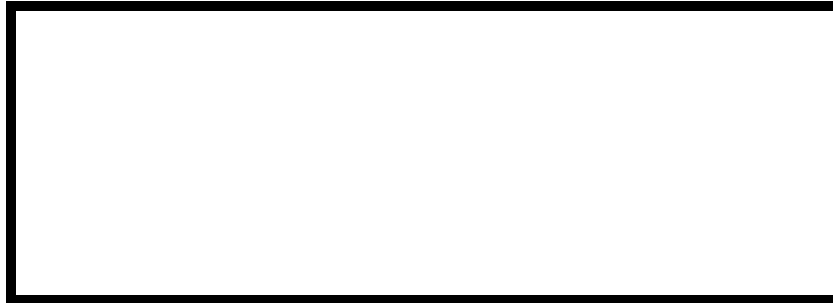
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- DEC 04 WED Council **Executive Meeting**, Cottage on Marian Grounds, **7:30PM**
DEC 05 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly Council #2861 **Executive Meeting** at Fr. Cuddy Hall #2323 at 8 PM
DEC 07 SAT Breakfast with St. Nick, St. Peter's Parish Hall, Servings @ 8:30AM & 10AM, GK Giacalone -- 301-774-6338
DEC 10 TUE Information Session for new prospects, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
DEC 11 WED Council **Business Meeting**, OLGc at 7:30PM ~ **Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.**
DEC 17 TUE Christmas Caroling at Montgomery General Hospital, 6:45PM, Steve Goldhammer -- 301-570-9613
DEC 18 WED Olney Theatre Production "**The King and I**" 7PM Reception, 8PM Show. See flyer for details!
DEC 19 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly Council #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall #2323 at 8 PM
DEC 25 WED Christmas Day- **And his name shall be called, "Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God..."**
- JAN 02 WED Council **Executive Meeting**, Cottage on Marian Grounds, **7:30PM**
JAN 02 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly Council #2861 **Executive Meeting** at Fr. Cuddy Hall #2323 at 8 PM
JAN 08 WED Council **Business Meeting**, OLGc at 7:30PM ~ **Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.**
JAN 09 THU U-Knight Website Training Session, 8PM, St. Peter's Parish Hall, GK Giacalone -- 301-774-6338
JAN 14 TUE Information Session for new prospects, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
JAN 16 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly Council #2861 **Business Meeting**, Fr. Cuddy Hall #2323 at 8 PM
JAN 26 SUN Communion Breakfast, 9AM, St. Peter's Church, Olney – See flyer for details!
JAN 22 WED Council **Social Event** – Details forthcoming...

For more information or to participate in any Council events, call Jack Giacalone, GK on 301-774-6338.

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