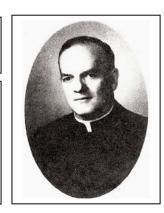
Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Monsignor Donald Essex, Pastor, Our Lady of Grace Church

Dear Knights and Ladies,

October has traditionally been the month dedicated to the holy Rosary (October 7 is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.) At Fatima, Mary asked us to pray for the conversion of Russia. As we know so well from the headlines, we must rededicate ourselves to pray for the end of terrorism and peace in our world.

October is also Right to Life month when we pledge to pray and work to end abortion, assisted suicide and so many other threats to human life from conception to natural death. Consider finding the best way you can Choose Life!

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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My Brothers All:

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.'

Once again, our Council is extremely busy during the month of October. Please pick one of the many activities for this month discussed elsewhere in this newsletter and contact the activity chairman to volunteer to help.

Many activities could use the help of your entire family. Many hands make for light work. We especially need helpers for our annual Halloween party for the residents of Inwood House on Saturday, 29 October. You'll be astounded at how happy we make them.

Now that everyone is back from vacation, you'll probably see many people you know at mass. When you're chatting with them after mass, invite a few to join our Order to help accomplish our many good works. Tell them why you joined and what being a Knight has meant to you. They might even say yes!

Happy Halloween to you and your families!

Thanks and Vivat Jesus!

Motto: "Lord, help me to say 'Yes' to Your will."

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE SK W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight E-mail: Taylorwf8@verizon.net ~ Phone: 301-871-8928

Brother Knights and Ladies:

The Fall Season brings us many opportunities to serve God and our community. The Tootsie Roll Program to benefit the Intellectually and Physically Challenged continues to be led adeptly by Steve Sutkowski. If you haven't had an opportunity to participate or help collect money for our Tootsie Roll program this year, please consider making an online contribution today at our website. You may sign on to our web site at <u>www.kofc6793.org</u> and make your donation electronically. This program remains one of the priority objectives of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Council participated with Montgomery Council to support their Special Olympics fundraiser at Father Cuddy Hall on September 24th. John Durbin again did a fantastic job of organizing this event. This was a fun event that brought us together with games, an auction and a great lunch in support of the Special Olympics Montgomery County.

My thanks to our insurance representative, Bob Callaway, for his informative presentation at our September Social Meeting. September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Bob answered our questions about life insurance, retirement and longterm care needs. We all need to be informed about our options in this regard.

Please support our Pro-Life Mass at our Lady of Grace Church on October 9th. Mass will be at 11 AM, supported by our Brother Knights from the Sullivan Brothers Assembly Color Corps. We will then join the Parish's Coffee and Doughnuts for fellowship. Larry Grayson will then address the group. Don't miss this opportunity, Larry's presentation last year was poignant and inspiring.

Our 17th annual Halloween Party at the Inwood House is on track for October 29th. Consider joining the party at this assisted living community. I can assure you that you will find this a truly satisfying and rewarding activity. You will make friends you will continue to see when you visit each year. Steve Sutkowski is the event Chairman. Please contact Steve to volunteer and for additional information.

Many opportunities to serve our Church and Community are on our agenda in upcoming months. Remember the importance of recruitment and retaining and engaging our Brothers and their families, making them welcome and a vibrant part of our Council.

Please visit our web site at www.kofc6793.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/. Take a moment to be informed, keep an eye on the newsletter, and attend a Business Meeting to find things that suit your particular

interests and join us. Make the time to become a more active Brother Knight and support Council activities. You can reach me at 301-871-8928 or Taylorwf8@verizon.net.

God bless you and your families!

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861 "WE STICK TOGETHER!"

SK Innocent d'Almeida, Faithful Navigator [www.sullivan2861.org]



Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.



Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

CHURCH NEWS

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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <u>http://www.stpatricksmd.org</u> Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



Join the women of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, October 8 at 9:10 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the many women's study programs and resources that can strengthen your relationship with God and deepen your faith. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center after the Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones. For more information and to RSVP, email mathamchacon@gmail.com.

> ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS Website: http://www.stpetersolney.org

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Meet our Seminarians! Four young men from St. Peter's Parish have been called to serve the Lord as priests. Martin Begley studied at the University of Maryland in College Park for two years before entering St. John Paul II Seminary at The Catholic University of America. Kevin Fields is a senior seminarian in his third year at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Kevin hopes to be ordained as a transitional deacon in 2017. Brendan Glasgow is in his second year of graduate studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. During the summer, he served at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish in southeast Washington, D.C. James Glasgow graduated in the spring from The Catholic University of America. He will continue his education in the graduate school at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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STRONG COUNCILS RECRUIT ACTIVE MEMBERS

If you're like most people, you're not bashful discussing your favorite sports team, a hobby you enjoy or your grandkids. If you also enjoy being a Knight of Columbus, why not discuss that as well? You may be surprised how interested they may be to learn more about what we do and how it goes to serve our church families and communities.

Of course, to talk about the Knights in an informed manner you need to get involved yourself. Pay close attention to the newsletter and the website for multiple opportunities. Be selfish, pick the programs that most interest you. If you are already active, thanks! If not, don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963 Website: http://www.kofc-md.org/state1617/mcnamara.asp

Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. Next meeting:

DATE: WED/OCT/19

TIME: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

PLACE: St. Anthony's Church, 8816 Chesapeake Ave, North Beach, MD 20714

EVENT: Crab Feast/Meeting

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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"Life must always be welcomed and protected. These two things go together - welcome and protection from conception to natural death." --Pope Francis, address to Polish leaders, World Youth Day 2016

Ultrasound Project Needs Your Help

To date, the Maryland State Council has donated 18 ultrasound machines to pregnancy care centers throughout the state. Several additional applications are under development and more machines are needed. For each machine, the State Council contributes about \$25,000, which is matched by funds from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters.

The program is running low on funds. Several councils and districts are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Project. Can your council do the same? For more information or to make a donation, contact Richard Siejack at email: <u>RVSiejack@aol.com</u>.

40 Days for Life

In a record number of communities across 50 US states and 23 countries, the largest worldwide pro-life event in history will occur: the UNITED 40 Days for Life campaign, which runs from September 28 to November 6. Since 2007, this ministry has saved close to 12,000 babies and resulted in 75 abortion centers closing, as well as numerous abortion workers quitting the business. Will you or your council pray outside one of the six abortion center sites in Maryland for an hour or two a week?

Germantown -- Reproductive Health Services, 13233 Executive Park Terrace, Germantown; local contact: Andrew Glenn (301-202-40DL, email: <u>prayforcarhart@gmail.com</u>).

St. Patrick's Church has selected Friday, 7 October for its day of peaceful protest.

YOUTH NEWS

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Are you a student OR do you know of a student who needs Student Service Learning Hours (A Montgomery County School Requirement)? If so, contact me!

We have a few upcoming events where you can volunteer and earn them. One of these is the 17th Annual Inwood House Halloween Party. See related article herein.

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 of Fr. Kalita
Donna D'Almeida	Wife Innocent D'Almeida
John Feldmann	Council Member
Joe Krempasky	Brother Knight
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Don Sellers	Fred Whitman
Ron Kiss	Council member
Lou Rizzo	Friend/Kevin Kennedy
Pat Colliton	Brother/Andy Colliton
Richard Herberg, Jr.	Brother/Ron Herberg
Derek Reynolds	Brother in law/Ron Herberg
Bernie Cooney	Council Members
Brian Hemke	Don Hemke
Molly Chen	Homer Chen
Danny Fluhart	Ron Herberg
Ryder Spiner	Innocent D'Almeida
Tom George	Nephew/Fred Taylor
Innocent D'Almeida	Council Brothers
Karen Mazonkey	Bob Mazonkey
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Fr. Donald Woch	9/1/2016

Pray for the souls of all our deceased armed forces.

FAMILY NEWS

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IT'S SHOWTIME!!!!!

Come join us for an evening at the Olney Theatre Center on December 9, 2016 for a performance of "MARY POPPINS"

Tickets are \$45 each and include a private pre-show reception at 7pm, center balcony tickets, and an intermission snack. Tickets are going fast!

For more information and tickets, please contact Joe Feakes 301-774-0137 or josephfeakes@aol.com.

Checks should be made out to the council and can be mailed to 18128 Darnell DR, Olney MD 20832.

See you there.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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I would like to thank Harry and his team for a terrific job in collecting donations for the Tootsie Roll drive at the Safeway in August, and also all the people who assisted me at the Olney Liquor store in September. There will be a couple other opportunities to collect in October so please call me at 301-890-9308 if you can help out. Also please remember that we are always open to on-line donations via our website if you cannot work a shift.

On October 29th we will be hosting the annual Halloween party at the Inwood House which is always a great time and one of the favorite events for the residents. Please see the flyer in this newsletter with details. We could use some additional help in setting up, and of course everyone is welcome to celebrate Halloween with this.

Finally, I wanted to announce that our Christmas Party will be held on December 18th, 2016. Those who attended last year all had a great time, and we hope to see even more of you this year. We are still in the planning stage and more information will be made available shortly. Many thanks for all your support and participation in our community programs.

SUPREME NEWS

Source: KofC Supreme Website [WEBSITE: http://www.kofc.org]

(Article by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson)

MOTHER TERESA AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF POLITICS

Catholics are called to create a culture that prioritizes and protects the most innocent among us

MOTHER TERESA knew poverty inside and out. Having devoted her life to those living on the streets in Calcutta, India – and around the world – she daily ministered to those most would consider the poorest people on earth.

The poor were her passion and her life's work. No one was more identified with the destitute than she was. So when she spoke to the Harvard graduates of 1982, they were well within their rights to expect her to speak of the poor – of a poverty most of them could not even imagine.

She did speak that day of poverty, but it was not the poverty of a faraway place.

Mother Teresa explained that the poorest of the poor weren't in the slums of India; they were our neighbors right here in America. Calling abortion "one of the greatest poverties," the humble saint added: "A nation, people, family that allows that, that accepts that, they are the poorest of the poor."

Those who knew her were not surprised.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

The previous year, I had the privilege of spending an entire day with Mother Teresa in Washington, D.C. There, she had spoken movingly about her work in Calcutta and especially about helping the unborn. She related "a very bad case," when one of her sisters found eight babies that had survived abortion in a bucket outside a clinic. She said she was able to save six and find loving homes for them.

She then said, "God has given your country so much. Do not be afraid of the child now. Do not turn your back to the little unborn child. Stand by that innocent one. My prayer for you and for your whole country is that we may realize the greatness of God's love for us and, with that love, protect the unborn child, the greatest gift of God for each of us and for the world."

Such language conveyed a consistent theme of hers. In 1979, upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa said, "To me, the nations who have legalized abortion, they are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the little one, they are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die because they don't want to feed one more child, to educate one more child."

Concern for unborn life was part of – indeed central to – her concern for the poor and the marginalized.

In 1994, at the National Prayer Breakfast, attended by congressional leaders of both parties and by President and Mrs. Clinton, Mother Teresa made a direct plea to the American people: "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

She added, "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

By the time this issue of Columbia reaches homes, Mother Teresa will have been honored with the title we knew she deserved even while she was alive: the title of saint. Many consider her the patron of the poor, for such she always was. Many also point to the obvious similarities between her love for the abandoned and that of Pope Francis.

But it would be an incomplete analysis of either Mother Teresa or the pope who canonized her if we overlooked how fundamental the plight of the unborn is to their broader discussion of poverty, marginalization and human dignity.

Indeed, Pope Francis has said things that easily could have been said by the woman he has raised to the honor of the altars. For instance, in a 2014 address he said, "It is therefore necessary to express the strongest possible opposition to every direct attack on life, especially against the innocent and defenseless, and the unborn in the mother's womb is the example of innocence par excellence."

And while some argue that societal ills, such as poverty, cause abortion, Mother Teresa saw abortion as the greatest poverty and as the cause of other social problems, including violence.

I have called for withholding our votes from pro-abortion candidates of any party. In prioritizing the many issues in the United States this election season, I suggest we follow Mother Teresa and place abortion above every other consideration. It merits such priority – both as the unparalleled killing of 50 million innocents in this country, and as what Mother Teresa called the "greatest poverty" and the "greatest destroyer of peace."

Consistent with Catholic thought on the issue, during my annual report to last month's Supreme Convention I said that I felt called as a matter of conscience to repeat what I had stated to delegates eight years ago when the Supreme Convention met in Québec City.

Once again we meet during a presidential election campaign in the United States and once again we face the question: "How should Catholics exercise their responsibilities as citizens?"

Catholics often confront a dilemma in deciding how to vote: Can we support a candidate who may be attractive for many reasons but who supports abortion? Some partisan advocates have sought to excuse support for pro-abortion candidates through a complex balancing act.

They claim other issues are important enough to offset a candidate's support for abortion. But the right to abortion is not just another political issue; it is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.

Imagine for a moment the largest 25 cities in the United States and Canada suddenly empty of people. This is what the loss of 40 million human beings would look like.

In fact, 40 million is greater than the entire population of Canada. What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation?

The answer, of course, is that there is none.

Abortion is different. Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale. We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates.

It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.

We will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death. Catholic voters have the power to transform our politics.

We could start by heeding the words that St. Mother Teresa spoke while receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979:

"And so today, let us here make a strong resolution: We are going to save every little child, every unborn child, give them a chance to be born. ... Let us all pray that we have the courage to stand by the unborn child, and give the child an opportunity to love and to be loved, and I think with God's grace we will be able to bring peace in the world."

Vivat Jesus!

CORRECTION

In the SEP-2016 newsletter, the title of the page-6 Mother Teresa article should read, "Charity Personified." We apologize for this typographical error.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

"Be not afraid, our faith is our courage!" [Website: www.kofc-md.org]



As you may have read or heard by now, the Ultrasound Project needs funds. Thanks to those councils and districts that are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Project. Please continue to support this wonderful program! Remember that individual contributions could be tax deductible.

Consider hosting a Pro-Life Mass in your parish. Make it special to draw more attendees. Have refreshments and a pro-life speaker after Mass. Contact Director Mike Furst for help with scheduling and planning a Pro-Life Mass. If you need a speaker, we have speakers.

COUNCIL NEWS

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SEE YOU ON 'TAVERN NIGHT' AT THE TAVERN RESTAURANT – TUE/NOV/08, 6PM.



On Tuesday, November 8th at 6pm, Fr. Maher Council will host a dinner at the Tavern Restaurant in Olney. The purpose of this dinner is two-fold, it will be a scaled down version of our Charter Dinner and is to show appreciation to the Tavern for their generous food donations to the Communion Breakfast. Please let me know if you will be attending no later than Tuesday, November 1st; please RSVP to Jack Giacalone, 301 774 6338 or at jgiacal@verizon.net.

Support our Council's "Food for Families" Program!

Please buy and bring any of the items listed below to any Council event. We donate these to St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Food Banks to help our parishes' families.

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, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew – Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk – Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) – Ramen Noodles, Rice & Side dishes, etc.

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL ITEMS.



BEWARE! The Olney Knights of Columbus are hosting a Halloween Party <u>you'll be dying to attend</u>!

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 * From: 6 to 9 PM

WHERE: The Creepily Decorated Inwood House Dining Hall

WHAT TO EXPECT: Dinner * Dessert * Soft Drinks * Door Prizes Bats' Blood Punch * Witches' Brew Snack * Costume Contest

WHAT TO WEAR: Costumes are <u>Optional</u>. But you may want to enter the **Costume Contest**: 1. *Scariest* Male 2. *Scariest* Female 3. *Funniest* Male 4. *Funniest* Female 5. *Best Overall* Male 6. *Best Overall* Female

Entertainment: *It's a surprise!*

Inwood Contact: [Janeta Kamala: 301-649-6595] *** KofC Contact: [Steve Sutkowski: 301-890-9308]





- * OCT/29/SAT 17th Annual Inwood House Halloween Party (6-9PM)
- * NOV/05/SAT Annual Council Memorial Mass, Our Lady of Grace Church (11AM)

***** NOV/08/TUE – Dinner at the Olney Tavern (7PM)



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OCT 05 WED	Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
OCT 09 SUN	Fr. Peter Paul Maher Pro Life Mass, 11:00AM, Our Lady of Grace Church Parish Center, Leisure World
OCT 09 SUN	Second Sunday 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church - Ushers Needed: Call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137.
OCT 12 WED	Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
OCT 20 THU	Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 Business Meeting, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
OCT 26 WED	Council Social – 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World [Admission Degree]
OCT 29 SAT	17 th Annual Inwood House Halloween Party (6-9PM)
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NOV 02 WED	Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
NOV 05 SAT	Annual Council Memorial Mass, Our Lady of Grace Church (11AM)
NOV 08 TUE	Tavern Night, 7PM, Dinner at the Olney Tavern, RSVP to Jack Giacalone, 301 774 6338
NOV 09 WED	Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World

- NOV 13 SUN Second Sunday, 7PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church Ushers Needed: Call Joe Feakes, 301-774-0137
- NOV 24 THU Thanksgiving Day
- NOV 27 SUN First day of Advent

▶ For more information about or to participate in any council event, call Grand Knight Fred Taylor on 301-871-8928.

► Council Calendar: View it at: <u>www.KofC6793.org</u> (Select "*Event Calendar*" at the left and the current month's calendar will be displayed.) Scroll forward to view upcoming events.) To view Monthly Business Meeting Minutes on the website: (On the HOME screen, scroll to the bottom of the page, on the right, select "*Access Minutes*" in the Council Minutes section.)

► DEADLINE: Newsletter content MUST be sent, via e-mail, to Paul McFarlane [PMKnight6793kofc@verizon.net] NO later than the 20th of the month to be included in the following month's publication. Newsletter content questions or story ideas may be sent to Paul via e-mail, *anytime* or call him on (301-633-9439).