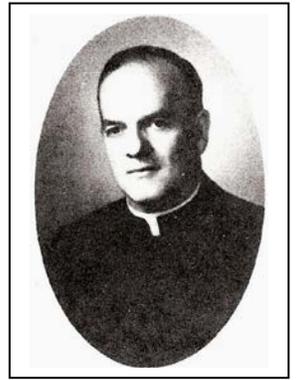


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Dear Brother Knights,

He is risen! He is truly risen, alleluia! Our Lenten journey is finally over, and we can celebrate the Easter joy of the Resurrection! This annual experience certainly helps us remember the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, but it also reflects our everyday life. We must go through our daily sufferings and trials, but we also know that the hope of eternal life awaits us. Our path through Good Friday also takes us to Easter Sunday.

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the challenges and difficulties of life. We hear the news of poverty and war, and we live the realities of suffering and illness. While we can't always make sense of this suffering, we can find strength to move forward. As Pope Francis said last Easter, "Let us say, 'I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it.'"

As we celebrate Easter this year, let us truly internalize the Resurrection of Jesus. May the hope of the Resurrection not be only an annual celebration but a daily reality for us, forming the way that we see the world and changing the way we live our lives.

Thank you!

In Christ,

Fr. Martino Choi

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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*St. Francis of Paola - April 1
St. Ezekiel - April 10*

Well the snow played heck with our planned Lenten dinner and our Easter Egg Hunt, but we recovered nicely. It's always nice to see "nice" people enjoying themselves for a good cause.

Speaking of "pulling together" for a good cause, the Knights from San Juan Diego Council - 13463 brought their trucks and strong backs to help us deliver mulch for our mulch sale. San Juan Diego is a member of District 30, just as we are. Sometimes to make an event a success, we/others need to call on brothers to help.

Later this month, Ron Herberg has organized an inter-district golf outing. Montgomery Council - 2323 (District 30) will join with us to play golf, win prizes, and eat a wonderful lunch - all to the benefit of our seminarian fund. The bigger the better!!! We still need hole sponsors.

On the weekend of March 9 - 11, some of our officers met at Kent Island, MD for our annual Spring Meeting. This is the last formal chance to meet with State Officers to exchange ideas and get guidance for the last three months of our fraternal year. Our current State Deputy, Stephen M. Cohen, wants to leave office with a "bang". Our goal for membership is 1250 new members. We currently have about 600 new members. We can still achieve our goal if each district council recruits five (5) new members each month.

We now have two (2) new councils. One new council is a Spanish Council and is located in Silver Spring, MD, and the other one is a Ukrainian Council.

Please do not forget the Supreme Convention being held this year in Baltimore, MD. The dates of the Supreme Convention are August 6-9, 2018. Our Jack Giacalone is coordinating this massive event this year, and still needs help as greeters/info men at the hotels, and drivers to shuttle dignitaries from the airport. No one will work longer than four (4) hours at a time, which leaves plenty of time to sit in on your chosen program. Think it over, and then give Jack a call.

Many thanks to Fred and Elaine Taylor for agreeing to fill the role of Co-Chairs for our Domestic Church Initiative. This program ties the church, the parishioners, and the Knights of Columbus closer together, through shared programs and assistance.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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I see daffodils and tulips (better known as colorful deer food) popping up in flower beds and beside mailboxes in the neighborhood. Maybe by Easter Sunday we will have some beautiful flowers decorating our homes. And happy deer.

Our annual Mulch Sale on March 17 was a huge success. We completely sold out of our truck-load of mulch. Thanks to Joe Krempasky for taking charge of this fundraiser. Our thanks to Council #13463 for their trucks and helpful hands.

Our Executive Chef prepared a seafood marinara Lenten Dinner at Our Lady of Grace on March 23. Proceeds went to our Seminarian Fund. Thanks to all who helped to make this a success.

Our Membership Drives at the three parishes are on April 8. See the Membership News section for more details.

Dinner at the Tavern, Tuesday, April 10, 6PM at the Tavern Restaurant, 18200 Ga. Ave., Olney. To show our appreciation for the breakfast that the Tavern donated for our Communion Breakfast, let's meet for dinner at the Tavern. Call Fred Whitman, 240-550-1007 if you plan to attend so we can give them a head count.

Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Historic Site is on Saturday, April 14. Details in Council News.

Our Council is hosting the McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights April 18 at Our Lady of Grace, at 8pm. We are responsible for food, drinks and set-up. If you can help with set-up, please contact me at 240-550-1007.

Our annual Charter Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 22, at the Oak Room, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept., from 2-5pm. Cost is only \$28 per person. Great menu, great program. Please contact Jack Giacalone, 301-774-6338, for reservations. We need to have a head count, so reservations are requested.

We have a special program for our April 25 social meeting at Our Lady of Grace. Bill Newbrough, DW District 18, will give a presentation on "Knights in Solidarity With Persecuted Christians." Until I heard him speak about persecuted Christians, I had no idea how serious a problem this really is. What Bill will tell you, you won't find in the news media. Plan to attend this impactful presentation. Call Fred Whitman, 240-550-1007, if you plan to attend.

Don't forget our Golf Tournament on Friday April 27. Contact Ron Herberg, 301-580-9189, for details and to sign up.

We are still waiting for Montgomery County to approve plans for the new shed. They sure are taking their time, but Joe Krempasky is on top of the situation and is pushing hard for a quick approval.

We have several Council activities coming up in April and May. Please read about them in this newsletter, check the calendar on the back of the newsletter, and make plans to participate.

Visit our website at www.kofc6793.org or our 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.

God bless you and your families.

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As this newsletter arrives to you, we will be celebrating Easter with our family and friends on April 1, this year. Of course, right around the corner is April 15, tax day. It's become a popular time of the year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity or depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. Perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your tax return. Our annuities do pay a very competitive rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long term security. How much security?

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Please allow me to visit with you and discuss your personal retirement needs and explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability and long term care insurance plans.

CHURCH NEWS

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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

On Sunday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m., the Archdiocese of Washington will host its annual Jubilarian celebration by honoring Catholic couples married 25 to 51+ years. This event will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After the ceremony, Cardinal Wuerl will sign and personalize all certificates that will be distributed to the couples. Couples who wish to participate in this special event are encouraged to call the Parish Office no later than Monday, April 16 at Tel: (301) 929-9152 or (202) 636-9020.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Website: <http://ourladyofgracelw.weebly.com/>

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



A PILGRIMAGE TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE

On Thursday April 26, Saint Patrick's Leisure Club is planning a special one-day trip to Philadelphia. Included in your

\$50 trip is the bus fare, a guided tour, a Holy Mass, and an investiture in the Miraculous Medal ceremony. We will visit the Art Museum, a gift shop, and conclude with a lunch -- roast beef sandwich, homemade potato and macaroni salad, cookie, and beverage. The bus will leave St. Patrick's at 8:00 a.m., depart from Philadelphia at 4 p.m., and return to St. Patrick's by 8 p.m. Please RSVP to Kay Bidinger at 301-774-6843 or Josephine Piccone at 301-929-9152.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



SAINT PAUL'S HONDURAS CLINIC MISSION TRIPS FROM APRIL 5 TO APRIL 12 AND FROM AUGUST 2 TO AUGUST 9.

We will need volunteer doctors, nurses, ENTs, dentists, hygienists, lay people, and prayer partners for a successful trip. For those who cannot travel on either of these mission trips, you can still participate by donating to help fund the medical brigades. Each weekly brigade will cost \$1,500. We plan to host five brigades, and we expect to serve 1,000 people each day. For more information please contact Sherrie Wade, Honduras Coordinator, at 301-580-3274 or Honduras@stpauldamascus.org.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

“WE STICK TOGETHER!”

SK Roger D. Lie, 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.

FAMILY NEWS

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I suppose by the time you receive this newsletter Easter Sunday will be a thing of the past. The Easter baskets, flowers, perhaps an egg hunt, a special family dinner and maybe an extra visit to church hopefully are all captured and will be remembered as a joyful time.

Easter is more than a single Sunday, it is a Season. Spring brings a rebirth on many levels. Let us pray that all our brother and sisters experience this rebirth as a gift from God. Even though the flowers have wilted and the chocolate has melted, let us all focus on the miracle "DEATH LOST!!!".

God, through His love, has made the ultimate sacrifice. Let's remember the sacrifices we made during Lent and strive in some small way to continue on a path to Jesus.

Jesus doesn't fold his arms nor does the Church lock its doors on the Monday after Easter. Both are wide open and ready to receive all who want to be REBORN.

Fraternally, Joe Feakes.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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ANNAPOLIS MARCH FOR LIFE

On Monday, March 12, our Council joined with Knights from St. John the Baptist to car pool to Annapolis for the annual March for Life. (see picture below. Do you recognize our banner?)



Our group arrived in time for the 5:15 Mass at St. Mary's. Following the mass, we and the crowd of around 1,000 pro-life supporters, many of whom were teenagers and young adults assembled. The pro-lifers bravely marched in the rain, led by Knights on Harley Davidsons, to Lawyer's Mall where the Maryland legislature is housed. The guest speaker was Richard C. Warren, CEO and President of Care Net. He talked about the need for a family environment to support victims of unplanned pregnancies. He drew a parallel between the role of St. Joseph in accepting the "unplanned" pregnancy of the Blessed Virgin Mary and modern-day fathers of unplanned babies. After the rally at Lawyer's Mall, we joined many of the marchers for the traditional free Chick-Fil-A dinner at St. Mary's school, served by the Servants of the Lord sisters.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Tuesday, March 13 was adapted by St. Patrick's as the day for St. Patrick's parishioners to vigil by the Bethesda abortion clinic of the notorious late-term abortionist, Carhart, in support of the 40 Days for Life Campaign. My wife, Terri, and I met, among others, St. Patrick's Director of Social Concerns, Monica Ludwig (in the picture she is in the left-most position). We were also joined by Bill Legato, a PGK from the St. John the Baptist council.

After praying the Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy during the hour we had signed up for, our brother Knight Dana Perry and his wife Chris arrived and took their vigil turn. I understand, all hours up through 7PM that day were covered by St. Patrick's volunteers.

Fraternally, Ramon, Culture-of-Life Chairman

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Recruitment of new members is not the job of the Chairman only. It is a joint effort of every member. As a member, you can invite your friends at Church, at work and your family members. The requirements are simple. The prospect must be a man, a Catholic and 18 years or older. Your ladies can be your great help to recruit. Try working with your ladies. The result could be surprisingly successful.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT LOTTERY INCENTIVE

A chance for you to win a paid trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, August 21-26, 2018, all expenses paid. Beginning December 1, 2017, every time that you recruit a member into the Order through June 30, 2018, your name will go into a drawing and on July 1, 2018, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, you and you wife will be notified immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.

Our Membership Drives at the three parishes are on April 8. After the 9am and 11am Masses at Our Lady of Grace, after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses at St. Patrick's and after the 9am, 10:45am and 12:30pm Masses at St. Peter's. Please contact Jim Street, 301-717-2667, if you can help out for about 15-20 minutes after one of these Masses. Handouts will be available. But, asking about a prospective member's interests, and how their interests could benefit both them and the Knights, is the best way to get a new member.

BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR \$1000 Matching Challenge

An anonymous council brother knight has again issued a challenge to all brother knights. He will match all donations to the council Seminarian Scholarship Fund up to \$1000 from January 2018 through May 2018! The council welcomes the opportunity again to respond to the most gracious generosity of one of our council brother knights!

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
Bill Homick	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Jeff Kollins	Son/Bill Kollins
Helen Chen	Wife/ Homer Chen
Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
Joe Krempasky	Brother Knight
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/ Innocent D'Almeida
Joan Santaiti	Friend/ Fred Whitman
Luke Engler	Friend/ Chris Romano
Susan Cadigan	Sister/ Deacon Jim Cadigan
Barbara Campanaro	Friend/ Don Hemke
Paul D. McFarlane	Brother Knight
Kate Ennis	Sister-in-law/ Chris Romano
Sherry Colliton	Sister/ Andy Colliton
Donna Boccabella	Sister/ Paul Boccabella
Peter Hauge Jr.	Friend/ Chris Romano
Cornelius Heine	Friend/ Mike Ivan
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Ryan Matlosz	03-04-2018
James Folllese	02-26-2018
William Moore	02-19-2018

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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MARION HOUSE SPRING PARTY

We have the Marion House Spring Party coming up on May 13, 2018 between 1:30 and 3:00p.m. This includes great desserts and activities for the residents, prizes for all, and also musical entertainment. Please contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-9308 or at ssutko9208@aol.com to help out.

COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On April 27, District 30 of the Knights of Columbus is hosting a golf tournament organized by Montgomery and Father Peter Paul Maher Councils to raise money for the Seminarian Fund.

It will be a Scramble Format, with prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and lowest score. Tee boxes will be Red for ladies, White for those 50 and older, and Blues for those 49 and younger.

The Course is Laytonsville Golf Course (MCG). Registration starts at 7:30AM with coffee and light fare. Shotgun starts at 08:30AM. Bottled water and sports drinks will be available to take to the cart at check-in. All alcoholic beverages are on a cash basis. Luncheon afterwards includes fountain soda and features hot dogs and burgers.

The cost is \$125 to play, \$50 to be a sponsor. All Sponsor fees are tax deductible. The \$125 consists of \$50 for the Seminarian Fund, which is tax deductible, \$10 for the prize pool for the longest drive, closest to the pin and lowest team score; the remainder covers greens fee, cart, food and drinks. Mulligans can be purchased separately and used anywhere except on the greens and to win closest to the pin or longest drive.

The greens are in great shape and the weather is finally warming!

Registration deadline is April 19. To register yourself and/or your teams, please contact: Ron Herberg at 301-580-9189 or email at ronherberg@verizon.net , or Gary Palmer at 301-948-6494 or email at gtdbpalmer@verizon.net.

Payment can be made during sign-in by check or cash. Advance payments may be made on the Father Peter Paul Maher Council website: www.kofc6793.org , using your credit card or PayPal. Using this site will automatically send you a confirmation email and receipt.

Please feel free to forward this email to any neighbors and friends; the more the merrier.

COUNCIL NEWS

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Council Elections

The proposed slate of Council Officers for 2018-2019

Grand Knight	SK Stephen P. Sutkowski
Deputy Grand Knight	Open
Chancellor	SK Ramon Bueno
Warden	SK James Street
Recorder	SK Christopher Romano
Inside Guard	Ed Shaffer
Outside Guard	SK Gerald W. Hayden
Treasurer	William J Kollins
Advocate	Open
3 yr Trustee	SK Fred Whitman
2 yr Trustee	SK Fred Taylor PGK
1 yr Trustee	SK Joe Feakes PGK

As you can see we have a few positions that are needed to be filled. Please call SK Kevin J Kennedy, at 301-774-5014 if you are interested.

In accordance with our By-Laws, The Slate of Officers will be published in the May newsletter, with voting to be held on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at our Council home, Our Lady of Grace Church meeting room.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. MARY'S HISTORIC SITE

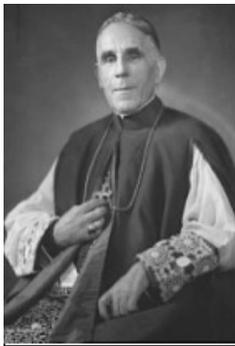
There will be a pilgrimage to the St. Mary's Historic Site in Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, April 14. The historic site includes the St. Mary's Spiritual Center, the Mother Seton House, and also the original Seminarian Chapel. The address is 600 N. Paca St., and parking is provided in their parking lot at that address. They will conduct a tour between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM which includes a very brief walk to the Basilica near the end of the tour for those so inclined. There also will be a lunch provided at noon before the tour for those who would like it including a large Italian sandwich, chips, drinks, and more for about \$16.00. I understand this is an experience not to be missed. Please contact Ramon Bueno for more information and to let him know you are coming – Tel: 301-633-1398

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

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

McNamara Chapter Marshall – Jack Giacalone



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. It's a great place to share and learn ideas for your council to participate in!

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



Reflections

From Butchery to Blasphemy

(by Lawrence P. Grayson)

Have we developed societal beliefs that are promoting a repeat of some of the worst behaviors of the past?

In 1581, Fr. Edmund Campion was captured in England and under the penal laws of the day was sentenced to death for

being a Catholic priest within the realm. He was stretched on a rack, dragged through London behind a horse to the public gallows, hanged and taken down before the point of death, disemboweled, his entrails pulled out and burned, and then the body torn into quarters by four horses. It is hard to imagine the gruesome butchery that was socially acceptable in the Medieval Ages.

In 2018, in America, children in the womb may be aborted legally to the moment of birth. In the second trimester of a pregnancy, the abortionist uses a dilation and evacuation procedure, in which, often without anesthetizing the child, he reaches into the womb with a long clamp, grasps a limb and pulls it off and out. This is repeated for the other limbs and torso, before the skull is crushed and the parts removed. The child must undergo excruciating agony, for science has shown that an unborn child can feel pain at 20 weeks of age and perhaps earlier.

Is the American abortionist any less barbaric than the medieval executioner? America is one of only seven nations in the world that permit abortions after 20 weeks. According to a 2014 report by the Charlotte Lozier Institute, among 198 nations, only North Korea, Vietnam and China have more permissive gestational limits.

As barbaric as abortion is, its advocates in the United States continue to fight successfully to maintain its legality. On January 19, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, a bill to prohibit abortions at 20 weeks and beyond. The President promised to sign it when it reached his desk. But it never did. On January 29, a companion bill was filibustered in the U.S. Senate preventing a vote to take place. It is a shameful blot on the nation that its legislators cannot summon the political will to stop abortions even when they involve excruciating fetal pain.

Rev. Franklin Graham wrote: "Sin has an enormous price. Our nation will one day have to answer to God for the millions of innocent lives taken by abortion, and that applies to every politician who voted for and defended abortion."

But abortion is not done simply to satisfy a woman's desire. As a series of undercover videos by The Center for Medical Progress has shown, Planned Parenthood makes a business in selling parts of aborted, dismembered children. In one video, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, Senior Director of Medical Services for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, casually sips wine and has lunch while she describes the grotesque manner in which organs and body parts are harvested to improve their economic return.

Greed certainly drives the abortion industry. But now those who destroy children in the womb are trying to couch their hideous activities as religiously motivated. The statements of three late-term abortionists epitomize these perverted and sacrilegious views. LeRoy Carhart, who operates in Maryland and Nebraska, asserts he believes in God "very strongly," even though he doesn't attend regular church services. He considers his abortion practice a ministry and "feels he is living out his faith" by helping women through what is often the worst time of their lives. Mississippi abortionist Willie Parker considers himself a Christian whose spirituality places a higher value on compassion for the mother than the life of the child. Texas abortionist Curtis Boyd, a former ordained Baptist minister, has admitted that abortion is killing, so after each abortion he offers a prayer "that the spirit of this pregnancy be returned to God with love and understanding."

As twisted as the views of the abortionists are, the actions of ordained clergy are more hypocritical. On the same day that the Pain-Capable Act was filibustered in the Senate, four Christian pastors and a rabbi gathered at Carhart's Maryland facility to pray for and bless the abortion clinic and staff. The Rev. Carlton Veazey, a Baptist pastor, prayed in God's name for the doctor and nurses who facilitate abortions at the clinic and for their patients, so that "they always know that all that they do is for Thy glory." Several staff members intoned, "Amen." The clergy then sprinkled water throughout the clinic and in the parking lot, and the Rev. Cari Jackson of the United Church of Christ said: "We sanctify this space and we honor this as holy."

This was not the first-time pro-abortion clergy have given religious cover to abortion clinics. In January 2017, ministers from 20 religious sects gathered to pray, chant mantras and conduct a liturgical dance as they blessed Planned Parenthood's newly-opened mega-clinic in Washington, DC.

The CEO of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington said, "This confirms the sacredness of the work we do."

In early November 2017, lawyers for Whole Woman's Health argued in a Texas court that abortionists should be allowed to continue second-trimester abortions in which living, unborn babies are dismembered while their hearts are beating. A few days later on November 9, pro-abortion clergy gathered at the abortion chain's facility in Fort Worth, blessing its staff and patients, praying and singing "Hallelujah." On October 8, 2015, United Methodist Church pastor Rev. Laura Young blessed an abortion facility in Cleveland, because Christianity is founded on love, and she wanted to protect women who go to Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities from "preachy protesters" who have "misguided faith."

Are these clergy reverting to pre-Christian worship? Those who offer prayers for abortionists and their staffs are more likely appeasing Molech, the Old Testament, Ammonite idol who demanded child sacrifice, rather than calling upon God, the author of life, whose son sacrificed himself for our sins.

"The religious person," Pope Francis said, "knows that among the greatest blasphemies is to invoke God as the justification for one's own sins and crimes."

These ministers should pay heed to the admonition of Isaiah: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness."

If once again, our nation is to revere life at all stages, it will take God working through us. Pray for our nation. Urge the nation's leaders to hold Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers accountable for laws they may have broken and the atrocities they have conducted. Be a public witness to end abortion and uphold the sanctity of life.

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

'Venerable' Does Not Mean 'Old'

When Father Michael McGivney was declared "Venerable" in March 2008, many asked what exactly that means. We know the title "Blessed" or "Saint," but "Venerable" sounds like a waystation for old souls, sort of a limbo for those

hoping for canonization. Nothing could be further from the truth; so we need to look at the title a little more closely.

We don't use the word "venerable" often in daily speech, and when we do it is usually in reference to a practice that is kept more for its age than its relevance, as in "venerable tradition," or a "venerable old man" who is respected more for longevity than activity.

Yet these dusty concepts are not what the Church means when it uses the title "Venerable" for Servants of God. In the Catholic context, Venerable means not something antiquated or past its prime, but something bold and dynamic, and worthy of respect and even veneration. Far from the notions of "old and dated," Venerable denotes "heroic and virtuous." When a Servant of God, whose cause for sainthood is being studied by the Vatican, is given the title "Venerable" it means that the candidate's "heroic virtue" has been recognized by the Holy Father, based on the best information on the person's life and reputation. The Venerable person has lived a life of virtue above and beyond the normal Christian calling, and is a model for others today, with a way of life that should be studied and emulated by all, and in a special way by the young.

Far from old and stodgy, Venerable Michael McGivney is a man for our times, a priest worthy of imitation, and a visionary ahead of his time in terms of empowering the laity to take leadership positions in the Church.

Here is what the Congregation for the Causes of Saints declared about Father McGivney: "Concerning the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love both toward God and neighbor, as well as the cardinal virtues of Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude, and those others joined to them, they existed to a heroic degree in the Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest and founder of the Fraternal Order the Knights of Columbus."

"Decree Concerning His Virtues" upon the declaration of Father Michael McGivney as Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, March 15, 2008

YOUTH NEWS

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ESSAY CONTEST

And we have winners!!!! The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest essay contest at St. Peter's and St. Patrick's is completed. The winners have been selected and will be announced at the school's year-end awards ceremony in June. Thanks to Ms. Whelan, principal at St. Peter's, and Ms. Short, principal at St. Patrick's, for allowing the students to participate.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 24 behind the Parish Center at Our Lady of Grace Church. Special thanks to Joe Krempasky, Fred and Elaine Taylor and the Easter Bunny (Kathy Krempasky) for making this annual event a success.



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Father Peter Paul Maher Council

42nd CHARTER ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2 - 5 p.m.

The Oak Room

17921 Brooke Road

Sandy Spring, Md. 20860

The Sandy Spring Fire House, Use the main entrance 2nd Floor

Catered Buffet Luncheon Menu

Appetizers

Spinach & Artichoke Dip and Jerk Mango Chicken Skewer

Dinner

Fresh Garden Salad, Beef Burgundy, Teriyaki Glazed Salmon, Wild Rice Pilaf,
Fresh Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Soda

Dessert

Assorted Pastries and Cakes

Table of 10 may be reserved and Guests are welcome!

Cost: \$28 per person

Please contact Jack Giacalone (301) 774 6338 or at jgiacal@verizon.net as soon as possible with your reservation request. All reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Make your check payable to Fr Maher Council #6793 and mail to Jack Giacalone at 3901 Shallow Brook Ln. Olney MD 20832

Please join us to help celebrate our Council's 42nd year. There will be a short program of accomplishments a few thank yous and check presentations to two of our favorite charities: Community Support Services (CSS) Potomac Community Resources (PCR)



APR 14 SAT -- Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Historic Site, Baltimore, MD, arrive 12:30PM, tour of Mother Seaton House, Seminary Chapel and the Center starts at 1PM

APR 22 SUN -- Council Charter Dinner, Oak Room, SSVFD, Olney, MD

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APR 04 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
APR 08 SUN Membership Drive at all three parishes
APR 10 TUE Dinner at the Tavern, 6PM, Tavern Restaurant, Olney
APR 11 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
APR 14 SAT Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Historic Site, Baltimore, MD
APR 18 WED McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, 8PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
APR 22 SUN Council Charter Dinner, 2-5PM, Oak Room, SSVFD, Olney, MD,
APR 25 WED Social Meeting, 7:30PM, Bill Newbrough, DW District 18, "Knights in Solidarity With Persecuted Christians," Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
APR 27 FRI District Golf Tournament, Laytonsville Golf Course, 7:30AM sign-in, 8:30 shotgun start



MAY 2 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
MAY 4-6 Maryland State Convention, Ocean City, MD
MAY 8 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
MAY 13 SUN Marian House Spring Festival, Marian House Assisted Living, 1:30PM-3PM Olney, MD
MAY 19 SAT Fund raising spaghetti dinner, 6PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
MAY 23 WED Social Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
MAY 28 MON Memorial Day Mass, 10AM, Gate of Heaven Cemetery

► **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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