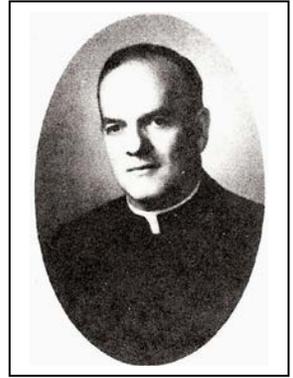


Father Maher's Knightly News



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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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February 1 - St. Pionius was a priest quietly working under Emperor Trajanus Decius. Known for his wisdom and abilities as a preacher, Pionius and his companions were ordered to make sacrifices to the gods and, after they refused, they were put through terrible tortures before being burned at the stake.

During the Christmas season, we all had a pretty hectic schedule. In some ways, it has been a relief to get it all behind us. However, new things are on the horizon. Our Mid-term meeting is over, and the officers have been advised of changes in the exemplification process. As soon as support materials are received, new brothers will be received into the order during a single ceremony, which will rank them as third-degree members. Wives, sons, daughters, relatives and friends will be invited to observe the membership process. The ceremony has been simplified and shortened.

Please be reminded, the registration for the convention at Ocean City is now open to all Knights. This can easily be done online. Because this is an election year, rooms at the Princess Royal will be quickly taken. So, do not delay, sign up ASAP.

I am pleased to say that once again our quarterly reports have been submitted on time.

Form 1728 - Annual Activities Report must be submitted before January 31.

Council audits must be received no later than February 15.

Vivat Jesus

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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First Lady Elaine and I thank all of you for your constant support of us and the Council. The second half of our fraternal year began in January and some of us participated in the State Mid-Term meeting held at Columbus Gardens. It was an inspiring meeting followed by Mass, a great way to prepare for the rest of our fraternal year. Please remember to ask Our Lord to help and guide each of us to serve the Church and the Community in the upcoming months.

Our January Council Social Meeting provided an opportunity for many of us to view the movie *Unplanned*, provided by Right to Life of Montgomery County. *Unplanned* is a true story about Abby Johnson who worked as director of a Planned Parenthood facility believing she was helping women. One day she was asked to help with a sonogram probe during an abortion and saw the image of the baby struggling in pain which made her violently ill. She resigned from Planned Parenthood and became an avid pro-lifer, helping others to leave the abortion industry and find other employment. This movie was exceptional, and I highly recommend it to anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to view it.

Our annual Communion Breakfast took place on Sunday, January 26 in St. Peter's Parish Hall following the 9AM mass. This Culture of Life event for our Council

supports the Knights of Columbus State Ultrasound Program, placing ultrasound machines into pregnancy centers throughout the State of Maryland. We gathered after Mass for a great breakfast and listened to an informative and moving presentation by Larry Grayson, the Maryland Sate Ultrasound Project Chairman and pro-life advocate. My thanks to Jack Giacalone for putting this event together and to Joe Krempasky for his help with the breakfast. Our Council dedicates this Communion Breakfast to LIFE!

We held our first "Delta Church Drive" on February 2 at the 9:30AM and 11:30AM masses at St. Patrick's Church. This was a truly exciting opportunity to speak to our fellow parishioners and make them aware of our "Faith in Action" agenda. My sincere thanks to Monsignor Parry for welcoming us and his support and the support of Fr. Mullan, both great friends to the Knights. We were warmly received, and I look forward to more opportunities to repeat this activity in the future. I thank Jim Street, our membership chairman, and all who helped with this event representing the Knights of Columbus.

We are planning our annual Mulch Sale in early March. This is a great fundraiser for our Council, and I hope you will help with this when called. We also are planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28 at St. Patrick's Church. This event is an absolute joy and you should plan to participate if you have missed it in the past. It is also a great recruiting venue where families see how we as Knights reach out to our youth. Please contact Joe Krempasky if you would like to help with those events.

We have recruited an exceptional group of new Knights in recent years. We must engage them and their Ladies and families, let them know they are welcome, wanted and needed, and make room for them in our upcoming schedule. They are the life's blood of this Council. Join us at a meeting, become a more active member of our Council, and help plan and execute our activities for the year. Please take the time to care for and love each other and pray the Rosary frequently.

Visit our website at www.kofc6793.org or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/ to stay informed of our future activities. Attend our business meetings and read our Newsletter to find activities that interest you and join in. Become a more active Brother Knight and support our Council activities.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Street, Chairman, Church Activities

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Delta Church Drive

We had a great turn out for our Council's first Delta Church Drive at St. Patrick's Church on February 2. Many thanks to all the Brother Knights, who helped make the new Delta Church Drive a success. It was a great way to show our dedication to our Catholic faith and our commitment to the four principles of our order---Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

2019 FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

1st - (\$535) Manny Kokatokis

2nd - (\$326) Doug Ketter

3rd - (\$214) Dan Harper

Thanks to all brother knights who supported the raffle providing \$1075 to the Council Seminarian Fund.

Election of Officers

Kevin J. Kennedy, PGK is heading the Nomination Committee for Council Officers for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year. If you are interested in becoming an Officer of the Council, please contact him. The slate of Officers will be posted in the March 2020 newsletter and the process will begin in the April business meeting. You can contact Kevin at 301-807-9749.

Ceremonials

The Supreme Council has unveiled a new ceremonial to induct candidates into our Order. Many changes will be taking place to reflect the changing demographics of our country, and to update process to the 21st Century. Stay tuned for more details!

7th Grade Essay Contest

The 2020 7th Grade Essay contest is underway. The rules and topic have been sent to St. Peter's and St. Patrick's Principals to have the class write the essay. The topic is "The Importance of Religious Education". The Principal and Religious educator will select the 3 best essays from each school. They will be sent to us without any names, and we will pick the best one of the three from each school as the winner. That child will receive a placque and a \$200.00 stipend to be put to their 8th grade tuition. We will not know the results for a couple of months.

FAITH IN ACTION

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\$1,000 Anonymous Challenge Returns

Again, this year a council brother knight has challenged the council to donate to the Council Seminarian Fund which he will match up to \$1,000! Yes, \$1,000!

In previous years, the council has indeed donated more than the \$1,000 challenge, so we again look forward to your continued generosity which will help keep us the biggest sponsor of Seminarians in the state of Maryland....something we all can be very proud to achieve!

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY

As part of our Faith in Action Family service programs, we have instituted our Food For Families program. We will be collecting food for St. Martin's Pantry, which provides food to needy families.

There will be a box at all meetings for collecting food items. All food must be unexpired, sealed items. Items in shortest supply are canned soup, canned fruit, pasta sauce, "meals in a can (canned pasta, canned chili, etc.) and dry, unsweetened cereal. So, when you are grocery shopping this month, pick up an item or two and help feed those in need.

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Knights Of Columbus Launches New Life Insurance Product

Protector Universal Life-Guaranteed Product Offers Affordability and Flexibility

Knights of Columbus (K of C), a Best's Review Top 50 U.S. Life/Health Insurer[1], last month announced the launch of its Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product. This product provides affordable guaranteed lifetime coverage*, flexible premium payment options and a low-cost guaranteed death benefit* that will ensure future obligations are met. The benefit protection includes a Lapse Protection Rider, as well.

While guaranteeing death benefit coverage*, the Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product features flexibility in premium payment ability: from allowing shorter payment periods; the stopping and re-starting of premium payments; to the ability to lower premiums by paying up to age 100. A Lapse Protection Rider is automatically attached at issue and can ensure lifetime death benefit protection as long as this rider is active.

Ron Franzluebbers, senior vice president and chief actuary of K of C, said, "Protector NLG Universal Life is a niche product designed for those approaching or above retirement age, who do not need a traditional whole life contract with cash value accumulation but want to ensure that

they have affordable death benefit coverage for their entire lifetime."

Protector NLG Universal Life is available for purchase in the United States and Canada for individuals between 50 and 80 years old. More information about the Knights of Columbus insurance program can be found at: www.kofc.org/insurance.

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
Barbara Mazonkey	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Hunter Shaffer	Brother/ Ed Shaffer
Rae Romano	Mother/Chris Romano
Rick Lanham	Brother Knight
Pat Gauthier	Wife/Romeo Gauthier
Romeo Gauthier	Brother Knight
Kathy Spade	Music Ministry/ St. Peter's Church
Antonio Brown	NFL Player
Kate Coppi	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Tony Laing	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Sumi Arima	Brother Knight
Oliver Nelson	Grandson/ Harry Bushar
Elaine Burch	Friend/Fred Taylor
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/ Innocent D'Almeida
Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
Norman Salem	Brother Knight

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

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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Death Penalty Information Center 2019 Year End Report: Death Penalty Erodes Further

The death penalty has now disappeared from whole regions of the country and continues to erode in others, according to the Death Penalty Information Center's 2019 Year End Report. With New Hampshire's repeal of its capital punishment statute in May, 21 states have now abolished the death penalty, with nine having done so since 2004. In March, California Governor Gavin Newsom imposed a moratorium on executions on the nation's largest death row, joining governors in Oregon, Colorado, and Pennsylvania in formally halting executions in their states. Half of U.S. states have now either abolished the death penalty or halted executions. Executions and new death sentences remained near historic lows for the fifth consecutive year. For the first time since Gallup began asking the question in 1985, a majority of respondents (60%) believe that life in prison without parole is a better approach for punishing murder than the death penalty.

Birthright Seeks Volunteers

Birthright is seeking volunteers who will walk alongside women and men who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. If you feel called to this vocation of life and nonjudgmental love, give Birthright a call at 301-570-3339, ask for Fran, and learn more about the Birthright mission and training opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 24, 2020 – Maryland March for Life.** For more information, go to www.mdmarchforlife.com/march
- **February 27, 2020 – Maryland Catholic Conference** sponsors Catholics in Annapolis.

CHURCH NEWS

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ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



10th Annual Men's Retreat

Prepare for Lent by taking time away to be alone with the Lord, yet among a great group of men and brothers from Saint Peter's, building friendships, and growing in a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Father Kevin Regan, Vice-Rector at the Saint John Paul II Seminary, is excited to lead us on retreat this year. The retreat will include daily Mass, 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration, talks, small group discussions, and social time (a campfire) with your brothers.

The retreat will be held at Priest Field Pastoral Center (<https://priestfield.org/>) in Kearneysville, West Virginia, on February 21-23, 2020, from 3PM. on Friday through noon on Sunday. Online registration can be accessed via the Saint Peter's Web site at www.stpetersolnev.org under Ministries/Adult Faith or <https://stpetersolnev.org/mensretreat>.

For additional information or questions, please contact Barry Calogero at abarryc99@gmail.com or you may call him at 703-628-3093.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

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

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Catholic Charities Convention

It is never too early to prepare for the Catholic Charities intergenerational convocation: With only a month away, schedule as soon as possible to attend the intergenerational convocation at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville on March 21, 2020, from 8:15 AM - 1:00 PM.

All parishioners are invited to participate in the event. There, the Justice and Advocacy Commission and Catholic Charities will welcome you to a discussion how they can better address the needs of all members of the county, particularly through parishes, schools, and senior living facilities.

For more information or to RSVP, contact (301) 476-0186 or leah@empoweringtheages.org.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



Men's Retreat – "Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments"

The Office for Family Life is hosting a Men's Retreat on February 7-9 at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Father Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke. This retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our sacraments and to reconnect with the most important relationship in your life – your relationship with Christ.

For more information or to register go to 2020 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mens-retreat-at-priestfield-tickets-74721005539?> or call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499.

FAMILY NEWS

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The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Returns

The council is bringing back the praying of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy prior to each council business meeting. Open to all brother knights, please arrive at Our Lady of Grace Church at 7PM, prior to the business meeting at 7:30PM. Prayer materials will be provided. Also bring your prayer intentions. This is in keeping with the council "Faith in Action" emphasis.

W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight

Consecration Masses

The Consecration to the Holly Family Masses at St. Patrick's were a huge success. Msgr. Parry was very pleased and has requested that we do this again this year as part of the Feast of the Holy Family weekend Masses. Thanks again to all Brother Knights who helped hand out the prayer cards before the consecration masses.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]

Unconditional Love that God has for Us

(by Fr. Joseph A. Jenkins)

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Dear Brother Knights,

When I think of unconditional love, I recall the story of a poor woman whose son was sentenced to life in prison for murder.

When everyone was convinced of his guilt, she was the one person who never lost faith in her son. Guilty or not, she loved him. He insisted that he was innocent. Since they were poor the court appointed a lawyer who quickly made a deal and manipulated the young man to take it. The judge broke the deal and gave him the harshest of sentences.

Years went by and most forgot about the case— but not his mother. She worked long hours mopping floors and scrubbing toilets for minimum wage to raise money for a good lawyer and a new trial. She spent twenty years in fatigue and tears but never losing hope. When she had raised what she needed, she got him an attorney who found problems in how the initial trial was conducted. Still most thought she had wasted her life for a scoundrel of no worth. But to her, he was the whole world. As it turned out, the evidence was mishandled, and a follow up investigation ensued where another man was found to be the real assailant. Her son was released from prison. The one person to meet him when he passed through the gates was this woman older than her years but filled with joy. She had her boy back again.

This woman was a living parable of the Christ-story. She sacrificed her life to liberate and save her son. Such

people show us the depth of unconditional love that God has for each of us as his child. Along with all the other things shared by mothers and fathers, this may be the most important message to which they witness. The mother in the story had few facts about the case. Indeed, for all she knew, her son was guilty.

He did hang out with the wrong people. He had committed a few juvenile offenses. He was no saint. But she became a saint to save him. She sacrificed herself not because she knew he was innocent, but because she loved him. Our Lord lays down his life for the guilty. Again, it has all to do with unconditional love.

Questions for Parents

- Your daughter comes to you in tears and reveals that she is pregnant out of wedlock? Is your immediate response anger and condemnation? Can your love for her and the unborn child overrule your anger and shame or would you counsel her to have an abortion and erase a mistake?
- Your son adopts a swinging lifestyle. Would you as a father boast about him "sowing his oats" or would you challenge him to be modest and to respect women as persons with dignity and as potential wives and mothers?
- Your son lazily hangs around the house and will not get a job. Would you nag him and label him as a bum? Would you challenge him to step up, find self-respect, and give him assistance in moving forward?
- Your teen drops out of school, starts drinking and taking drugs, hangs out with a dangerous crowd, and gets arrested. Would you throw him out and disown him or would you seek intervention so that he might turn his life around?
- Your kid tells you that he is gay or that she is a lesbian. Is your response riddled with words of derision and strong disappointment? Do you turn your back on him or her? Do you affirm that there is still a place in your home and in the church for your kid? Most Catholic people who identify as LGBTQ want help to preserve the faith and family bonds. Do you know how to love someone even when you cannot support all of his or her actions? Are you willing to witness Christ as one who will never abandon such loved-ones on their life journey?

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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SK George Silvas, Faithful Navigator [www.sullivan2861.org]



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

The 53rd Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Archdiocese of Washington District will be held on April 18, 2020 at Saint Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel Maryland. Complete information can be found on our website – www.awddistrict.org, Search for ‘exemplification’.

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

Supreme Chaplain’s Challenge
(by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori)

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS



In a world often overshadowed by sin, the presence of Christ remains our true hope and guiding light.

WE HAVE TURNED the corner. The shortest, darkest days of the year are slowly growing longer and lighter. Yet, in the cold of a winter’s night, it may be hard to envision the warmth and light of spring.

It was amid darkness that the Savior was born. At first, the darkness of the crude stable where the incarnate Son of God entered the world was punctuated only by the flickering lights of candles and torches. Yet Jesus was born not merely in the dark of night but also amid the dark night of humanity’s sinful state. Despite God’s signs and messages spoken through prophets and kings, darkness seemed to reign over the good earth God had made.

Was there any hope that the flickering lights in a rough Bethlehem stable could even be seen in the darkness, let alone overcome it? Was there any chance that the Child in the manger, born into the poorest of circumstances, was in fact “the light of the world” (Jn 8:12)? As the story of Jesus’ birth unfolded, the night sky was brightly lit not only with stars but also with angels reflecting the beauty and brightness of the One who is “God from God and light from light.” And over this stable hovered a star, brighter than the rest, the star of the Epiphany, by which the greatness of the little Child was first revealed to the nations. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (Jn 1:5).

As the year 2020 dawns upon us, we may feel that darkness still reigns over the world. Looking about, we see under cover of darkness a brutal disregard in society for the

sacredness of human life — especially the lives of unborn children, the frail elderly and the chronically ill.

We see amid the darkness many people living at the point of a sword for the faith that they profess. We see the sorry plight of immigrants and refugees. We live in a culture perpetually outraged, increasingly polarized, tragically plagued by violence. We see the darkness of sin in our Church, with the appalling abuse of children by some of its own leaders. We look with gloom as many, especially the young, forsake the light of faith for the false promises of a godless secularity. We also sense the darkness of sin lurking in our hearts and homes. We find how easily we prefer this darkness to the light of grace.

Still, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Could it be that even in our times the flickering light in the Bethlehem stable might still shine forth? The light of the Epiphany star heralded a light that would never fade. The light of heaven itself shone forth as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus during his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus, “the light of the world,” would manifest his Father’s glory in the power of the Spirit as he preached the Good News, healed the sick, expelled demons and cured the sick. “I have come to set the earth on fire,” Jesus said, “and how I wish it were blazing” (Lk 12:49).

Our Savior ignited this fire upon the Cross, in the glory of his Resurrection and in his commission to the Apostles to spread the Gospel. And he ignited it, too, in our hearts on the day we were baptized “with fire and the Holy Spirit” (Mt 3:11). We should frequently ask ourselves: Is it still burning brightly?

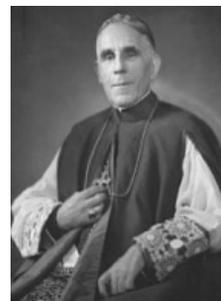
It does no good to bemoan the state of the world. Rather, the light of faith and zeal for the Gospel must burn in our hearts. Knights, like missionaries of old, are called to go and set the world on fire by charity, unity and fraternity.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

[Website: <http://kofcknights.org/ChapterSite/?D=103>]

McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport



The February Chapter meeting will be hosted by Maurice J McDonough Council #12128.

Date: February 19, 2020

Time: 7 PM

Location: St Joseph Church Parish Center, 4590 St Joseph’s Way, Pomfret MD, 20675



FEB 12 WED --Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World. A Divine Mercy Chaplet Devotion before the business meeting at 7PM.

FEB 24 MON -- Maryland March for Life. For more information, go to www.mdmarchforlife.com/march

FEB 26 WED --Council Social Meeting

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FEB 05 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center (CANCELLED due to New Year's Day)
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FEB 19 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, Maurice J McDonough Council #12128 – at St Joseph Church Parish Center, 4590 St Joseph's Way, Pomfret MD, 20675.
FEB 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
FEB 26 WED Ash Wednesday
FEB 26 WED **Council Social Meeting**



MAR 04 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center (CANCELLED due to New Year's Day)
MAR 11 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World. **A Divine Mercy Chaplet Devotion before the business meeting at 7PM.**
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MAR 25 WED **Council Social Meeting**
MAR 28 SAT Annual Easter Egg Hunt, St. Patrick's Church.

► **For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred Taylor on 301-890-9308.**
► **Council Calendar:** View it at: www.KofC6793.org (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.)
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