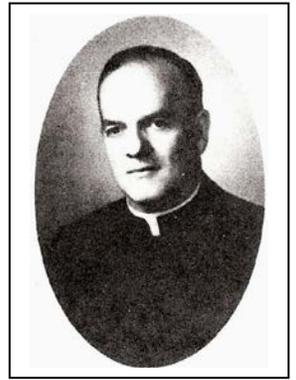


# Father Maher's Knightly News

## FR. PETER PAUL MAHER COUNCIL 6793 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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A Happy and Blessed New Year to all. As we change our calendars, we should also think about changing any and all things that we let get in the way of our relationship with God. St. Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God; there is one exception to that truth – unfortunately, even though God's love is always available to us, we can separate ourselves from His love by desiring to love something or someone more than God. Even the little compromises we make with evil, the "victimless crimes" that we explain away as hurting no one, although they do indeed damage us and those who are indirectly affected by our failure to follow the path God has laid out for us for the benefit of others, serve to separate us from His love, and to mislead others as to what is acceptable, what is virtuous, what is Godly. We should resolve to get rid of all such behavior in our lives.

As at Our Lady of Grace, and I hope for our Council, I would like to make 2020 a time for asking God to give us perfect sight, "20/20", the ability to see our world and one another with the eyes of God, that we might understand more fully the gift of Creation, especially of one another, that we might understand our interconnectedness with the world and with each other as brothers and sisters, not as enemies or competitors or prey, but rather as children of our same Father. We need to be examples of a different vision for our world,

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

so that, while the world struggles with the self-centered and limited image of a Darwinian world of every person for themselves, we might foster peace as the early Church did, being remarkable for our love for one another. As we struggle to remember to change "2019" to "2020", may that trigger in our minds our need to make this truly a new year, a year in which we begin to see with God's eyes, to see difficulties as opportunities to share with others this new vision, to bring love where love might not yet exist. May God continue to bless us all.

Fr. Jim

### DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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*January 1- The Blessed Virgin Mary - the greatest of all the saints*

*January 5- St. Paula - A saintly member of the Camaldolese Order. Born in Tuscany, Paula remained there for the rest of her life. She is best known for her efforts to bring about a peaceful resolution to the feud between Florence and Pisa*

The annual Christmas party was terrific, and the Knight's Caroling at Medstar Montgomery Hospital, by the Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council always brings smiles to the staff and those not fortunate enough to be home (We don't sing "I'll Be Home For Christmas").

But we must leave the joyful celebration of Christ for a while.

As we begin a new calendar year, it should be realized that we are also midway through our fraternal year. Last month Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights should

have received an invitation to the Maryland State Council's Mid-term Meeting. While the ladies enjoy a day of touring, the men will be advised of new information regarding membership and advancement, convention, submittals, voting regulations, etc. All councils must be represented.

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.

From District Warden, Kevin Kennedy, and myself, we wish you a joyful happy New Year!

**Vivat Jesus**

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

**SK W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight**

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Welcome to 2020! Elaine and I wish each of you a Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year.

December was an extremely busy month for our Council. We had many events and activities that were well supported. Our annual event at St. Peter's Parish Center, Breakfast with St. Nick, was an outstanding success. The crew arrived at 6 AM and we were busy until after noon. Christmas Carols were playing in the kitchen while we served breakfast continuously for nearly 4 hours. Guests enjoyed the food, Santa, and the crafts. This was a truly joyful experience for the parish community. On that same weekend St. Patrick's Parish provided the books and we distributed Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary after Masses. My thanks to John Feldman and Ed Shaffer for organizing that activity.

Our Christmas Party was a resounding success. It was well attended, the appetizers, buffet and dessert items were delicious, the Christmas Carols raised our spirits, and the fellowship was warm and comforting. We had our raffle drawing and awarded prizes. Half of the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales support our Seminarian Fund. This year we plan to support 10 Seminarrians, 5 of them were able to attend the party. We also awarded the prizes for our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest to 3 winners. Our "Yankee Swap" gift exchange was fun for all. A special program, "A Special Visitor", presented by Joe Feakes and Fred Whitman was moving and touched on the true spirit of the season. Thanks to Fred Whitman and Innocent DAImedia for organizing this event.

Many of us spent an evening at Montgomery General Hospital singing Christmas Carols for the patients and staff. We were rewarded by the smiles on patients faces and the

staff joining in the songs and dancing at their work stations. It was loads of fun for us and I hope it raised the spirits of the hospital patients and staff.

We sponsored a very special event during the weekend between Christmas and the New Year. St. Patrick's Church hosted the Consecration to the Holy Family event which provided for the parishioners to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love. This activity was embraced by the parishioners and was truly a Blessed moment for all who participated.

Mark your calendars for our next Social Meeting on January 22 when we will be showing the movie Unplanned, a true story of a director of a Planned Parenthood facility. Our thanks to Right to Life of Montgomery County for providing this film.

Our Communion Breakfast for Life will occur on Sunday, January 26 after the 9AM Mass at St. Peter's Parish. This activity will support the Knights of Columbus State Ultrasound Program that places ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers throughout Maryland. The event will feature a speaker and a full breakfast. Please consider joining us for this event and support this important cause.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming "Delta Church Drive" on February 2 at the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses at St. Patrick's Church. This is a new model to grow our Order and we hope we will see you there to bring our message to our fellow parishioners.

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](http://www.kofc6793.org) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/](https://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.

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

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## **\$1000 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 \$1000! Yes, \$1000!

In previous years, the council has indeed donated more than the \$1000 challenge, so we again look forward to your continued generosity which will help keep us the biggest sponsor of Seminarrians 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.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Jim Street, Chairman, Church Activities**

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Brother Knights, we will be participating in an exciting membership drive on the weekend of February 1 and 2. This first Delta Church Drive, to be held at St. Patrick's Church, surely has strong possibilities of uniting us as a council, uniting us with our priests, uniting us with our faith, and mirroring our order to our potential brother Catholics.

Please be mindful that in order for this membership drive be a successful one, all of us need to be on board to ensure the growth of our council. Further, if we want our brother Catholics and priests to believe in and support our council, we need to consistently show our dedication to our Catholic faith and our commitment to the four principles of our Council: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Let's pledge our dedication to Mary, Queen of the Knights and ask her to "bless all the activities of our order, and keep us true to the pledge to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth. Through [her] intercession we will "win the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court." We ask her to "make us always aware that, as [her] Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated..."

Let us Meet our pledge!!

## 2020 DUES NOTES

The council 2020 dues statements will be coming to you in mid-January. Prompt payment by check or through the council website ([kofc6793.org](http://kofc6793.org)) is requested as soon as you receive the statement. Honorary Life members and members whose dues are paid-up will also receive your 2020 membership card in mid-late January. New this year, you will also receive a card to update your contact information so we can update our council records. Whether paying dues or not, also return this card in the self-addressed envelope. This update is mandatory because of the huge turnover of mail addresses, email addresses, and cell phone numbers these

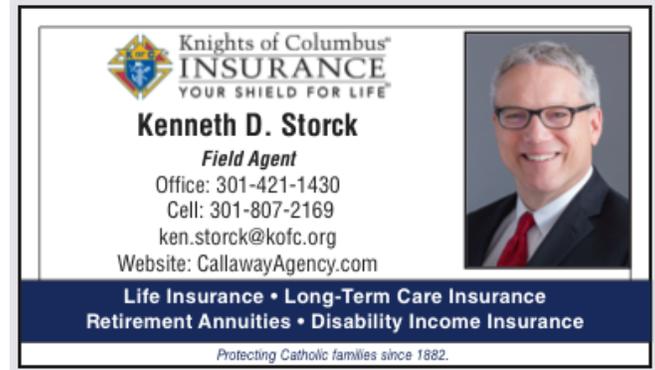
days. Please contact me (below) with any questions. Thanks guys, your attention to this information is greatly appreciated.

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

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## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT



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Happy New Year! As we begin the new year it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many New Year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. I can give you some advice on that. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your

company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.

Vivat Jesus!

### 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
Michael Williams	Father to friend/ Chris Romano
Jani Whitney	Mom to Co-worker/ Chris Romano
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
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Edward Goodwin	12/13/2019
Bill Gulban	12/24/2019

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

### CHURCH NEWS

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### OUR LADY OF GRACE

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Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



### Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a weekend training program which helps couples through difficult marital conflicts. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program, which runs from January 24 through January 26, please visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call (443) 400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



### Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group

The St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. This morning series (10:00 to 11:30 AM.) will begin on Wednesday, January 15, and continue for eight consecutive Wednesdays through March 4. Please note that "there will be NO Fee," but "REGISTRATION will be REQUIRED." Please contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at [kevin.byrne@verizon.net](mailto:kevin.byrne@verizon.net) or Claudia McAuliffe at 301-881-1457 to register.

## ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



### Communion Breakfast

All women and men are invited to attend this extraordinary morning of prayer, fellowship, complimentary breakfast and faith formation! Participate in the 8:30AM mass in the Chapel on Saturday, February 9, followed by a complimentary breakfast in the Divine Mercy Room.

Enjoy breakfast and a special presentation by Father Alec Scott, who is currently serving at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Washington, D.C. RSVP for the breakfast to Carolyn Grenier at [ctgrenier@hotmail.com](mailto:ctgrenier@hotmail.com) or call her at 301-774-3337.

### CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Steve Goldhammer and Marco Colombini,  
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### Some Abortion Statistics for Our General Area

The East Coast is clearly the major center for abortions in the United States. Among the fifty states and the District of Columbia, the top eight jurisdictions based on abortion rate (i.e. number of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years for the year 2017, according to Guttmacher Institute data) border the Atlantic Ocean.

Maryland has the fourth highest abortion rate of 25.0, which is almost double the national average of 13.5. The District of Columbia is the most dangerous place to be in utero, with a whopping rate of 30.2. The safest place for the unborn is Wyoming where the abortion rate is 1.3, almost 25 times lower than DC. For more information, check [https://abort73.com/abortion\\_facts/states/](https://abort73.com/abortion_facts/states/).

Maryland has 25 abortion facilities. Of these, 16 are independent clinics, such as the one operated by LeRoy Carhart. The other nine are under the auspices of Planned Parenthood – five of these conduct abortions on site, while the remaining four refer to other PP locations. In addition, several hospitals in the state, such as The Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, perform abortions.

There is a great deal of pro-life work to be done in Maryland.

## Maryland's KofC Ultrasound Program

The KofC has donated 26 ultrasound machines to Pregnancy Care Centers throughout Maryland, and it is expected that additional machines will be donated in the coming months. The State Ultrasound Program, however, needs additional funds to meet all requests. Can your council help? For more information about the ultrasound program or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at [LPGrayson@verizon.net](mailto:LPGrayson@verizon.net).

### Gabriel Project Request

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County assists needy women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (especially bilingual, Spanish-speaking women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This work includes keeping in touch with them via phone or e-mail during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc., that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1-4 hours per month (or less).

Men are needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Event Assistants are also needed for approximately-2 hours per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers and formula are very much appreciated. Please check out our Web site at [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org).

For more information, text Kathy Schwartz at 301-704-7508 or you may call or text Silvia Romero at 240-328-4776.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 24, 2020 – D.C. March for Life. Save the date.** Please see the St. Patrick's Church bulletin for info about the bus to the March for St. Patrick's parishioners. For more information, check <https://marchforlife.org/mfl-2020/rally-march-info/>
- **February 24, 2020 – Maryland March for Life.** For more information, go to [www.mdmonthforlife.com/march](http://www.mdmonthforlife.com/march)
- **February 27, 2020 – Maryland Catholic Conference sponsors Catholics in Annapolis.**

### 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

## **REFLECTIONS**

### **Stand and Be Counted**

(by Lawrence P. Grayson)

Maryland State Council Pro-Life Director

In America, and indeed throughout the world, there is a diminishing respect for life in all its stages. As a society, we prevent its beginning, manipulate the elements of conception, create life in a laboratory and extinguish it in the name of research, destroy the child in the womb from the first moments of development through partial (and occasionally full) birth, condone the taking of one's own life, and assist others to exterminate themselves. These acts are justified with terms like mercy, choice, tolerance, and personal rights, which mask the selfishness, materialism, lack of self-control and disregard for others that actually exist. This all-out offensive against life brings the nation closer to being permeated by and accepting of a "culture of death."

Every January 22 or thereabouts, for the past 47 years, since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion, Catholics and people of other religious persuasions have joined in the National March for Life to try to stir the conscience of the country to the consequences of this ruling. From the time of the decision in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, more than 60 million children in the United States have been killed in the womb. What a tragedy of epic proportions – 60 million children destined to be born in the image and likeness of God, destroyed by acts of their mothers' free will and abetted by an infrastructure of death.

While abortion is the most heinous attack on life, it is not the only one. A reverence for life is assaulted through euthanasia, suicide, sterilization, homosexual acts, in vitro fertilization, embryonic stem cell research, and contraception. Each is an affront to man's role as God's partner in the fulfillment of creation through "pro-creating" in marriage other humans to "know, love, and serve God in this life, and to be happy with him in the next."

Euthanasia, whether it is forced for eugenic purposes as in the Holocaust, or for the convenience of others as in the case of Terri Schiavo's starvation and dehydration or is voluntary – which is only a palatable way to describe permissive suicide – is a declaration that some lives are not worth living. It says that the utility of one's life is to be judged solely by material considerations, without recognition that man possesses a divinely-instilled dignity, regardless of one's age, physical or mental condition.

Every human life, from conception to natural death, has value. When we ignore the spiritual, decisions about abortion, euthanasia and suicide rest on social, economic and similar temporal factors, which can always be judged unusual enough or serious enough to outweigh competing materialistic considerations and allow the termination of a life. This is the case with the use of embryonic stem cells, whether for research or therapeutic purposes. In order to obtain the stem cells, human embryos are created and

destroyed, which disregards the life that exists and violates respect for human dignity. No intended good for others can justify the taking of a human life, even if it is in the first stages of development.

While abortion, euthanasia and suicide destroy life, contraception and sterilization prevent life. The latter are an abdication of responsibility for personal actions, and allow free reign to one's sexual urges. They promote promiscuity with impunity. Contraception removes the fear that may deter fornication and adultery, behaviors which destroy the family, the basic unit of society. Youths and unmarried adults who are sexually active cannot be expected to discard upon marriage habits of libidinous behavior acquired before their vows. Contraception also is the precursor of abortion. When artificial means of preventing birth fails, the next step is to terminate the life before it becomes viable.

Contraception, sterilization, in vitro fertilization, and the redefinition of marriage to include homosexual unions all violate God's commands for marriage. In Genesis, it is written: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cling to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh," and again, "Be fruitful and multiply." In accord with these decrees, marriage has two purposes, unitive and generative, that is, to conjoin a man and woman in a lifelong commitment as husband and wife through a complete giving of each to the other, and for them to procreate and educate their children.

Homosexual unions, contraception and sterilization all violate the generative aspect of marriage. They are means of preventing birth from the union of a man and a woman. In vitro fertilization, in contrast, discards the unitive aspect. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it "entrusts the life and identity of the embryo into...the domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person." It tries to give life to children without the complete giving of a husband and a wife, each to the other. Further, in its application in vitro fertilization requires multiple embryos to be created. In a businesslike approach, only the most viable ones are implanted, while the others, each of which is the beginning of a life, are discarded or frozen for future use.

One must not only abstain from these many anti-life activities but must oppose them as acceptable practices in society. Tolerance in these matters is not a virtue. Tolerance only encourages these practices, and others, to proliferate. Planned Parenthood of Indiana, for example, marketed gift certificates during the Christmas season several years ago that could be used for contraceptive services, examinations, medications and abortions. LeRoy Carhart, the Maryland-based, late-term abortionist, offers women remembrances of their aborted babies. The destruction of life is viewed as an admissible commercial activity.

Not bringing one's faith into establishing public policy and a culture that repudiates immoral, anti-life acts is implicitly acknowledging that these behaviors are socially acceptable and that they are no more right or wrong than restraint from these practices.

As Catholics, and as Knights of Columbus, we should work to protect and strengthen the family, promote personal responsibility and accountability for one's actions,

and renew in society a reverence for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death. We must help to create a reverence for and a culture of life. Join your brother Knights on the Mall in Washington, DC on January 24 for the National March for Life. Stand and be counted.

### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

**SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861**

**“WE STICK TOGETHER!”**

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.

### SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website



### Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

(by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori)

**Those who come great distances to find something often draw our attention to the blessings we enjoy.**

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:9-12)

Whenever I meet a refugee, immigrant or traveler, I am reminded of things I take for granted. Those who come great distances to find something often draw our attention to the blessings we enjoy. Most of us are fortunate to have Jesus nearby, truly present in the tabernacle of our local church, but

we take his close presence for granted all too easily. The Wise Men embarked on a difficult journey to encounter Jesus, but a five-minute drive can seem too far for us. May our daily familiarity with Jesus never result in indifference. May we instead, like the Wise Men, enter the Lord's house to do him homage.

### January Challenge

This month, I challenge you to take to heart the example of the Wise Men and go out of your way occasionally to visit the Blessed Sacrament in a local church. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action March for Life or Novena for Life programs or to personally support a local pro-life initiative.

### Questions for Reflection

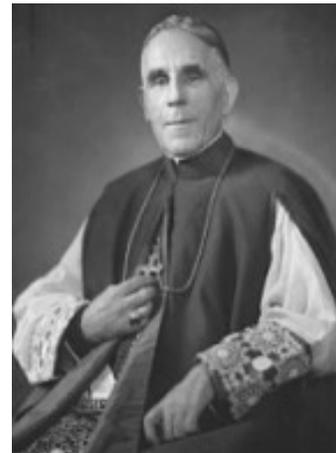
1. What daily opportunities do you have to encounter Christ?
2. Because gratitude counters our tendency to take things for granted, how can you demonstrate daily gratitude in your life?
3. Why is it important to visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and have you benefited from this experience?

### CHAPTER NEWS

**Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963**

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

**McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport**

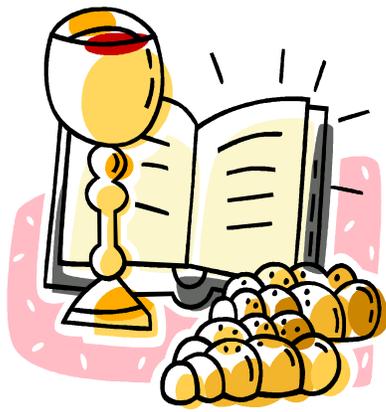


The January Chapter meeting will be hosted by Fr Rosensteel Council #2169 –, Ladies Night.

**Date:** January 15, 2020

**Time:** 7 PM, Ladies Night

**Location:** 9707 Rosensteel Ave, Silver Spring MD, 20910.



# Communion Breakfast

**Sunday, January 26, 2020 at the Parish Hall at St Peters**

**Following the 9 a.m. Mass**

Eggs, Sausage, Bagels and Donuts

Butter & Cream Cheese, Coffee & Orange Juice

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



**We dedicate this Communion Breakfast to LIFE  
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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.  
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FEB 26 WED Ash Wednesday  
FEB 26 WED **Council Social Meeting, Admission Degree ceremony**

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