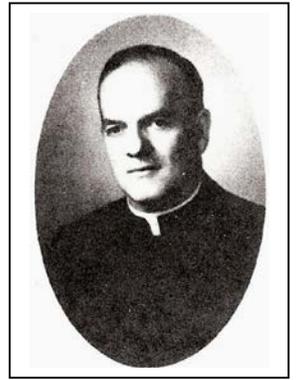


Father Maher's Knightly News

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Martino Choi, Parochial Vicar
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
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Dear Brother Knights,

A brief background about me. I was born in Silver Spring, MD, the second of six children to (now Deacon) Chang and Hyunsoon Choi. I grew up primarily in Montgomery County (my family are parishioners at St. Peter's in Olney) apart from six years spent in South Korea. I studied Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park, where I was involved in the Catholic Student Center. Upon graduation from the University of Maryland, I was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington and received my formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

I was ordained a priest by Cardinal Donald Wuerl at the National Shrine on June 20, 2015, and have been serving at St. Patrick's Parish as parochial vicar since ordination.

I became a Knight of Columbus during my time at the University of Maryland and recently received the Fourth Degree. I am honored and excited to serve as Chaplain for this upcoming year for Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, and look forward to walking together as we grow in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Joseph F. Kremasky, District Deputy (30)
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July 3rd - St. Thomas - "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29)

And so we begin a new fraternal year. I must thank past District Deputy, Stephen Goldhammer and his wife, Marilyn for all the support, kindness, respect, and understanding they have shown me and my family during my term as District Warden. I am very fortunate to follow two outstanding District Deputies: Stephen Goldhammer and Jack Giacalone. They both always had an answer to my questions, or would quickly find the answer. Although they both have set the standards high, I shall strive to maintain those same high standards.

After searching long and far, our own Kevin Kennedy has graciously accepted the vacant position of District Warden. We are blessed to have a warden that is "seasoned" as a knight, compassionate of his brother knights, and is Irish too!! I look forward to working with Kevin and his wife, Judy, during this fraternal year.

I am also extremely fortunate to inherit four (4) councils within District 30, with officers sincere and dedicated to their councils. Each of the newly elected officers has shown a certain passion and a willingness of effort to ensure that their councils run smoothly. Some of you probably met the officers elect and their wives at the recent Knights of Columbus Convention in Ocean City, Maryland. It was nice to see everybody pitch-in and make our hospitality suite one of the best at the convention. The food prepared by the ladies (and brother knights) was outstanding.

It seems that as our officers are elected and move upward through the ranks, each wants to make sure that they succeed in their roles as knight officers. This willingness to succeed certainly helps make the District Deputy and District Warden's job easier. I know that Kevin and I look forward to being that "conduit" between our council and the State Deputy.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK Fred L. Whitman, Grand Knight

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Well here it is. The first in a series of long awaited, highly anticipated, and most likely soon forgotten messages from a new Grand Knight. Actually, it is an honor and privilege to be chosen as our council's new Grand Knight. I want to thank PGK Fred Taylor and his wonderful wife, Elaine, for all the help they have given me to try to prepare me for my new role as Grand Knight. Fred has spent many hours tutoring me to prepare me for my new role. I just hope I am able to live up to his expectations and can continue the high standard of leadership he has set for our Council. My motto for this year is "Lord, direct our actions to fulfill Your will". Please welcome our new Council officers and pray that God will bless them and direct their actions.

When I joined the Knights a few years ago, I had no idea that I was joining a group of Catholic men so fervently dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. A group of men who spend so much time and love providing activities that benefit the Church and community. A brotherhood of love. I have enjoyed every minute of time I have spent with my brother Knights.

Our Council Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, July 16, 2017 immediately following the 11:30am Mass. The reception in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall will follow the installation. Please plan to attend to show your support for our new Council officers.

We all have to eat. Most of us like picnics. So, here's the deal. Our Seminarian Picnic will be Saturday, July 29. Plan to attend and show your appreciation to the Seminararians that we support. And eat well my friends.

Fred and Elaine Taylor are organizing an Art Show for the month of August, starting with an opening reception on August 4. The proceeds will support our Seminarian Fund and our Scholarship Program. The location for the Art Show is New Masters Art Gallery, 12276 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville. Please plan to attend. Tell your friends and neighbors about the show. Many local artists have provided pieces that will be for sale or auction. I am sure you will find a piece that will add additional beauty to your home.

Also on Sunday August 13, from 1:30pm-3:30pm we will entertain the folks at the Grace House. The program will be similar to the program we did at the Marion House in May. We need volunteers for set up. Please let me know if you can help.

Visit our web site at www.kofc6793.org or our Facebook page 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.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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SK Joseph M. Stewart, 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.

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Contact me today to find out more.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



SOCIAL CONCERNS

From November 6-16, 2017, there will be a Pilgrimage to Italy. Interested? Get your detailed color brochure by contacting the tour organizer, Debbie Vanzego, at dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com. The standard cost per person is \$3,079.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



FAREWELL TO FATHER FOLEY

After three and a half years as Pastor, Father William Foley will be leaving St. Patrick's Parish, effective July 12, to take up a new assignment as pastor of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, DC. His successor will be Monsignor Charles Parry, the long-time pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bowie, MD.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE

Saint Patrick's is sponsoring a pilgrimage this coming September 17-28, beginning in Fatima, continuing through Spain to Lourdes, and then ending in Paris via Lyon. If you would like to participate or if you have prayer intentions you would like to send to the Holy Places, please contact Melanie Baker, Director of Adult Faith Formation at email: stpatrickadultfaithformation@gmail.com or Tel: 301-924-2285 x317.

COUNCIL NEWS

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COUNCIL 6793 OFFICERS ELECTION RESULTS

The elected officers for Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793 for the fraternal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 are:

Grand Knight	Fred Whitman
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Sutkowski
Chaplain	Father Martin Choi
Associate Chaplain	Deacon Choi
Chancellor	Ramon Bueno
Warden	James Street
Financial Secretary	Don Hemke
Treasurer	Bill Kollins
Recorder	Chris Romano
Advocate	Jim Guthrie
Lecturer	Jack Giacalone
Outside Guard	Gerald Hayden
Inside Guard	Mike Ivan
Trustee 1 year	Jack Giacalone
Trustee 2 year	Joe Feakes
Trustee 3 year	Fred Taylor
Convention Delegate	Fred Taylor
1 st Alternate	Jack Giacalone
2 nd Alternate	Joe Feakes

COUNCIL 6793 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation of officers of Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793 for the fraternal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 1pm (following the 11:30am Mass) at St Patrick's Church, 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville, Maryland, 20853. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Council Officers will be wearing business suits. Ladies will wear Sunday dress.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Outgoing Chairman, Family Activities
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SAVE THE DATE !!!

Olney Knight (sic) at the theatre is November 10, 2017. The show is ANNIE. Once again we will have the actor's room for our pre performance reception and intermission. The show begins at 8, the reception at 7. The ticket price is \$40.

For more info or to reserve tickets, please contact Joe Feakes, Tel: 301-774-0137 or email: joephfeakes@aol.com.

THE SUN WILL COME UP TOMORROW!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Steve Sutkowski, Outgoing Chairman, Community Activities
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SPECIAL PARTY AT GRACE HOUSE

The Council is planning a special party for the residents of Grace House which is an assisted living facility and has the spiritual needs of a number of residents met by Our Lady of Grace Church.

The event will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2017 between 1:30 and 3:30 PM. The format and activities are expected to be similar to that of our annual party at the Marian House.

We are looking for volunteers for set-ups, clean-up, and to interact with the residents. These events are always well-received and our members have a great time. Please contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-9308 if you would like to help. Thanks.

ART EXHIBITION & SALE

Art Exhibition and Sale

Venue: New Masters Art Gallery
Located with Artists and Makers II
12276 Wilkins Ave, Rockville, MD 20852
<https://www.newmastersartgallery.com>

Show Dates: August 4 – August 22, 2017

Reception: August 4 (6-9PM)

Sponsored by Father Peter Paul Maher Council



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
Ann Ketter	Wife/Doug Ketter
Jeff Kollins	Son/Bill Kollins
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/Innocent D'Almedia
Brian Hemke	Son/Don Hemke
Nick Mondell	Brother Knight
Stephen P. Robertson	Brother Knight
Lou Rizzo	Friend/Kevin Kennedy
Manfred Arnold	Friend/Karl Meinzel
Richard Herberg, Jr.	Brother/Ron Herberg
Danny Fluhart	Brother-in law/Ron Herberg
Bill Kutchman	Friend/Jack Giacalone
Msgr Fitzgerald	Friend/Innocent D'Almedia
Barbara Campanero	Friend/Don Hemke
Bill Gulbin	Brother Knight
Roger Stevens	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Rev. Msgr. John Fitzgerald	Dir. Apostleship of the Sea
Bill Kuchmas III	PSD Maryland State Council
All Members of the Military	Council Request
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Thomas Pilot	JUN/03/2017
Dr. John Conte	JUN/11/2017

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Membership
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Membership is not a number, but a person, a family, a concern and a reason for becoming an active member. Please don't ignore any of these components. As an organization and as a council we have so very much to offer. Each of us joined from our own inspiration. That becomes your story, your recruiting tool inviting a friend, coworker, family member or the guy you sit next to at Mass to consider the Knights.

2017 COUNCIL DUES NOTICE

Donald Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

By now most of the council should have received their 2017 dues statements. If you have not, please call (Cell: 301-919-4470) or send an email to me (gumpermd@verizon.net). I want to thank you for your prompt response in sending in your dues

payment. For those who have not yet done so, **I encourage you to use the convenience of our council website (www.kofc6793.org) to pay by credit/debit card or PayPal.** Just use the “dues button” at the top of the website to pay our \$45 per year dues. If your dues statement shows other than a multiple of \$45 due, then you can use the “donation button” for any amount of payment, or partial payment with a comment telling me this is a dues payment. *Use the “donation button” to make a Culture of Life donation.* One tip, to pay with credit/debit card, avoid selecting prompts for or by PayPal. The credit card prompts are located below the PayPal prompts. Lastly, if you have not yet received your 2017 membership card after making your payment, please call me or send me an email immediately. **If you have recently changed your address or email address, please send me an update so I can adjust our records.** I am available anytime for help and assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN FIELDS



Kevin (center) with his parents, Mary and Mark Fields

Congratulations to Kevin Fields, who was ordained a Transitional Deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington on June 10, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (Washington, DC). Both Kevin and his father, Mark, are council brother knights! Kevin is one of the seminarians we sponsor annually. God willing, Kevin will be ordained a priest next year 2018! Congratulations and prayers to the entire Fields family are requested.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Ramon Bueno, Chairman, Culture of Life

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Hello Brother Knights. My name is Ramon Bueno. I have the honor of not only having been voted the incoming Chancellor of our Council 6793 but also of being asked and accepting the role of Culture of Life Chairman. As such, I hope to fittingly fill the shoes of our outgoing Chairman, Steve Goldhammer, who everyone agrees has done a distinguished job.

GERMANTOWN ABORTION CLINIC

In May, in the time LeRoy Carhart was at the Germantown abortion facility, he performed 19 abortions – 13 one-day, 4 two-day and 2 three-day abortions. For one week, another out-of-town abortionist, performed 7 one-day and 8 three-day abortions. This other abortionist has successfully avoided being identified by covert actions – using different cars and climbing over the railing above the facility’s window well then

climbing down a ladder and entering through the fire escape window. Apparently, he is fearful that his gruesome method of tearing babies apart while still alive will be reported. In the first half of June, this new abortionist saw at least 11 patients results of which are unknown as of this writing.

If anyone knows this abortionist (see picture below), please contact Janet Kotowski at jkotowski@pnjnet.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- **Saturday, June 24, 10:30 am:** Archdioceses of Washington Department of Life Issues conversation on moral guidelines for medical treatment decision-making, proportionate care, advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Cathedral of St. Mathew the Apostle, North Conference Room (English) and West Conference Room (Spanish), 1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, DC, Questions? Contact Teresa Yao at yaot@adw.org or 301-853-4555.
- **Saturday, July 9, 5-8 pm:** The 5th Annual Crab Feast be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Middle River. For more information, see the Center’s website <http://pregnantandneedhelp.org/events/> or contact Kelly at Kelly@CenterForPregnancyConcern.org or call 443-356-6941.
- Shady Grove Pregnancy Center seeks volunteers for counseling women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Volunteers will be trained to become pregnancy counselors. Training consist of 8 classes held Mon & Thur. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: July 27, 31, Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21. For details call Jackie Stippich, Exec. Dir. at 301-963-6223.
- Montgomery County Fair Pro-Life Booth, August 12-20: Volunteers are needed to man the booths during the fair. Come enjoy the fair and spend an hour (or more) helping at the booth. Contact Mr. Roberts 301-962-5611 or rtlmc@verizon.net.

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

THE NEED IS DIRE

With Christians facing increased pressure in the Middle East, the Knights of Columbus has launched a nationwide digital and television ad campaign to raise awareness and funds on their behalf.

A bus attack in Egypt before the last week of April-2017 resulted in almost 50 casualties. In Iraq, the situation has become dire, with money running out for food for the Christian refugees who fled ISIS. Without immediate support, Iraqi Church leaders warn that the country’s Christian population – already 90 percent depleted – could be reduced to unsustainable levels.

“We must act and act quickly if Christianity is to survive in the Middle East,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Three years after ISIS rolled through their country, these minority communities of Christians could face extinction without our help, and if they disappear, the chance for a pluralism and tolerance of minorities will be increasingly lost in that country.” Supreme Knight Anderson also said the Knights will match up to \$1 million in donations. The commercial can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhst4k2coCc&feature=youtu.be>.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN PROGRAM



All of Those Loose Pennies Have A NEW Purpose!

Worthy Brothers,

I wanted to give you an update on the Pennies from Heaven program that was started at the State Convention in Ocean City, MD, Friday, May 5, 2017. There was a total of \$500 in pennies, bills and checks collected during the convention meetings! Thank you to all that donated.

The money collected will be distributed to our three charity accounts, Ultrasound, Scholarship and Charity. Ultrasound funds an ultrasound machine to be placed in a pregnancy center. Scholarship funds our high school scholarships provided to High School students entering freshman year. Charity funds the money paid out to families in need of financial support.

This program will continue throughout the year, so keep collecting those pennies (all coins and paper monies are also welcome)! Individual councils will soon be hearing about how these funds will be collected and distributed.

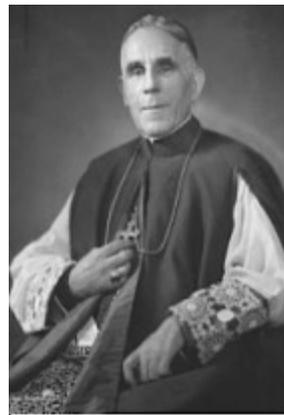
Vince Grauso, State Treasurer, MD State Council KofC

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!

YOUTH NEWS

DGK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs

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GET TO KNOW THE FIVE MARYLAND COLLEGE COUNCILS

While “College Councils” are not unique to Maryland, Maryland can boast the 2nd greatest number of College Councils and a great number of college aged Knights of Columbus. These five councils were formed by direct recruiting at Maryland state colleges and universities. College councils are very active and help young men form their Catholic faith and grow closer to our Lord through the works of the Knights of Columbus. The lead College Council is **Fr. Robert V. Zylla, OSC Council - 1965** and is headed by **SK Nathanael D. Swann, Grand Knight**. Their location is:

Mount St. Mary's University Seminary

St. Michael Room - McSweeney Hall

Emmitsburg, MD 21727

CARDINAL NEWMAN – Council 12001

Newman Center Chapel, Towson University

7909 York Rd., Towson, MD 21204

SEDES SAPIENTIAE – Council 13295

Catholic Student Center / U of M

4141 Guilford Dr., College Park, MD 20740

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY – Council 14534

US Naval Academy - Rickover Hall

101 Cooper Road, Annapolis, MD 21402

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND – Council 15000

University Campus Ministry

4501 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210



- ▶ **WED/JUL/12 (7:30PM) First Business Meeting of Fraternal Year (JUL/2017—JUN/2018) Our Lady of Grace Parish Center (Leisure World)**
- ▶ **SUN/JUL/16 (1:00PM) Installation of Officers for Fraternal Year (JUL/2017—JUN/2018), St. Patrick's Church, Rockville**

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JULY 04 TUE Independence Day
JUL 05 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
JUL 09 SUN Second Sunday, 7:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137
JUL 12 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
JUL 19 WED McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights
JUL 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 Business Meeting, Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8PM
JUL 26 WED End of Year Council Social



AUG 02 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
AUG 09 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
AUG 13 SUN Second Sunday, 7:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church – To usher, call Joe Feakes 301-774-0137
AUG 15 TUE Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
AUG 16 WED McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights
AUG 17 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861, Business Meeting, Fr. Cuddy Hall, Council #2323 at 8PM
AUG 23 WED Council Social

► For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred L. Whitman on 240-550-1007.
► 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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