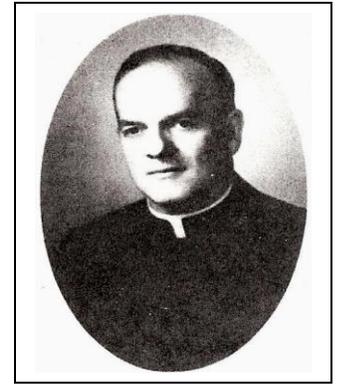


Father Maher's Knightly News

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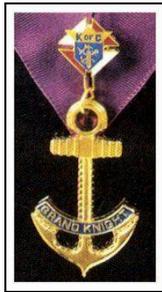


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight

[E-mail: Jgiacal@verizon.net ~ Phone: 301-774-6338]



My Brothers and Ladies:

I guess I get a little too focused, in my monthly GK messages, talking about recruiting and volunteering and attending meetings, etc. and I forget to thank you for what you do. I know we have some knights who don't attend meetings on a regular basis and are uncomfortable trying to recruit other men into the order. I do know that you do contribute in other ways, and I thank you for that.

I also thank the core group of knights, ladies and children for all you do; we simply could not do what we do without your dedication to our council and to the order.

Thank you; God bless you all and the United States of America!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Tom Cioffi, Associate Chaplain

Well here we are once again faced with the yearly dilemma of what self-sacrifice should we offer or give up for Lent. Sure we know the disciplines of Lent are fasting, abstinence, prayer, and alms giving. These are all good acts of self-denial and self-giving. But what if, rather than not eating between meals or giving up "sweets", or an increase of prayer or coins in the poor box, we decide to approach this Lent with a different twist.

Pope Francis suggests that we identify with Christ who by taking on our humanity He became poor so that by His poverty we might become rich. The Holy Father was using a verse from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians which reads: "for you know the gracious act of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake

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he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich." This idea of identifying with all who are poor in our presence is not always measured by those who lack monetary means. Sometimes poverty is seen in the faces of those who seek the love of Christ. In their poverty the poor, the homeless, the forgotten are right in our midst and yet we often fail to identify the opportunity to witness the richness of Christ in their presence.

In this context, I am reminded of the words from Mother Teresa who wrote: "At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged that when, I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was homeless, you took me in. ... Hungry, not only for bread, but hungry for your love. Naked, not only for clothing, but naked of human dignity and respect. Homeless, not only for a home of bricks, but homeless because of rejection."

During this Lenten season, let us be moved in our actions to care for those in great need because in their poverty they seek the same richness to become one in Christ and one with Christ.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Firestone, District Deputy #30

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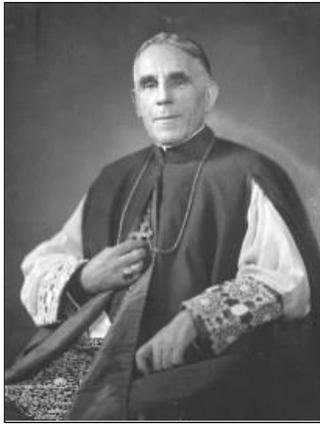


Richard Siejack, PSD Speaker MD KofC Ultrasound Project

Council 6793's JAN/26/2014 Communion Breakfast featured Richard V. Siejack, PSD who spoke passionately about the Maryland State Ultrasound Project. Nearly 75 parishioners and friends from St. Peter's (where the event was held after the 9AM Mass) and St. Patrick's Churches attended. All proceeds from the event went to the Ultrasound Project.

BISHOP M^CNAMARA CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963



Next meeting is Thursday, March 13, 2014 at St. Charles Borromeo Council #3960 - Baltimore Chapter Honored Guest Night 10019 Liberty Rd.; Randallstown, MD 21133.
Chapter website: <http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore/>

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Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers. Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS



The **Polar Bear Plunge**, benefitting Special Olympics of Maryland (SOMD) was postponed due to weather. The new date is Saturday, March 8! For details call John Durbin, 301-762-4448.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Steve Goldhammer, PGK, Membership Director



Hello to my membership teammates! (If you're reading this, you're on my team.) Spring is upon us, and that means it's time to 'spring' into action. There's still time to help meet your Council's recruiting goal for this Fraternal Year by asking a Catholic friend of yours to join us. Then your family and his can participate together in some of our neat Council activities and have a great time too!

Once you tell him what the Knights have meant to you and the good feelings you've felt, he should be interested in learning more about us at our information session in the room next to the chapel at St. Peter's at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 11 March. I'll see you there! Thanks for your help. Please call me at (301) 570-9613 if you have any questions.

COUNCIL RECRUITMENT CONTEST UPDATE

We all need to do some recruiting! We know they are out there, waiting to be asked! **Total recruited since JUL/2013 = 7.** Remember, you'll earn a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice for you and your Spouse or other Dining Companion. One officer, one chairman, one director (trustees are in this group) and one brother knight in the general membership can be winners. The Knight who recruits the most new members through JUN/30/2014 is eligible provided everyone in his group recruits 1 new member. For the general membership to qualify the officers, chairman and directors must recruit one new member each. **Including March, you have 4 months to win \$100!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD AND NECESSITIES FOR FAMILIES

Paul D. McFarlane, PGK, Food for Families Chairman

On any given day, you'll see homeless men and women at busy intersections, holding hand-made signs that read, "Homeless, Hungry, Disabled, Jobless..." How did they get into these predicaments? Do they know there are state and county organizations available to help them - to find a job, their next meal, housing for themselves and their families, if need be?

Our Food for Families program aims to keep people from asking for money at busy intersections. Here's how you can help?



Please buy any of the items below and bring them to any Council meeting or function.

Dried Beans or Peas - Macaroni and Cheese - Spaghetti and other Pastas - Snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, nuts) - Cold or Hot Cereals - Juices - Pancake Mix - Syrup - Chili - Canned Fruits and Vegetables - Rice (bagged or boxed) - Peanut Butter - Jelly - Jell-O - Pudding Mixes - Canned meats (Spam, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew - Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk - Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) - Ramen Noodles, Rice & Side dishes, etc.

PLEASE CHECK "SELL BY" DATES ON ALL ITEMS.

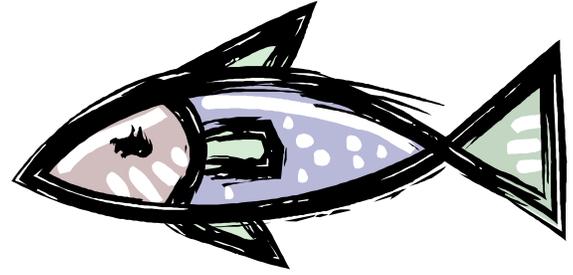
WELCOME SPRINGTIME PARTY FOR MARIAN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS



On Sunday, March 30 from 2-4PM our Council will host a "WELCOME SPRINGTIME" party for the residents of the Marian Assisted Living Center in Brookeville, MD.

I need the assistance of 10 Council members to serve light refreshments and mingle with our guests as they play word-matching games and listen to music. Please give me, Paul McFarlane, a call on 301-633-9439.

LENTEN FISH DINNER



Our Council will provide a fish dinner at St. Peter's Parish Hall on FRI/APR/11. *See attached flyer for details.*

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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

9TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT-SAT/APR/12



A fast and *furry-iously* fun time awaits on **SAT/APR/12 at 11AM** at the Cottage on the Marians Grounds (Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD)! Children, grouped by ages 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9 will have designated egg-hunting spaces! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes to be awarded in each age category. Children should bring their own baskets. *Perhaps the **Easter Bunny** will visit too!*

Call Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891) by **TUE/APR/08** with the number and ages of your children who will be coming!

Got Mulch? No Problem. We Have it For You!



Don't miss our Spring Mulch Sale. The date and location are to be announced. Look for this on our Council website: [www.kofc6793.org]

For advance orders and purchases of 10 or more bags, we offer **FREE DELIVERY** within five miles of our selling location. Volunteers are needed to man the sale and help transport mulch. Call Joe Krempasky (301-570-4891) to place mulch orders and/or to help!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DAY SUCCESS!

Don Hemke, Council Financial Secretary

Most of you know that on 22 February, we again teamed with the Olney Lions Club to host our 38th consecutive Pancake & Sausage Day at St. John's Episcopal Church in Olney. The weather was an almost *perfect 63 degree* Spring Day in the Winter. That unusually warm day cut the walk-in diners down significantly (similar to past history with warm days), but it enabled us to have the largest support from the council in history!

We had almost 50 knights, family, and friends serving in two shifts. Chris Romano and I want to personally *thank all of you* who supported the event by volunteering to serve those delicious pancake & sausage meals and those who purchased ads in our program booklet. This community and family event is the principal source of funds for our council scholarship program.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Let's set our sights again for next year to support this fine cause for our youth in the Olney-Norbeck community!

COUNCIL YOUTH NEWS

2014 FATHER CANICE TREACY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Keep an eye on our Council Website [www.kofc6793.org] for the 2014 scholarships rules and application deadline!

CHURCH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend William E. Foley, Pastor



STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

St. Patrick's Partners in Faith Ministry launched an effort to provide home furnishings to families transitioning out of a temporary shelter into their own homes or apartments. Many transitioning families don't have any basic furniture, even beds. This "*Furnishings for Families*" ministry has helped families make their new residences feel like "home." In order to better respond to the needs as they arise we are hoping to obtain storage space to store items and/or a space to restore/refurbish pieces needing a little extra attention.

If you might be able to offer some storage space, please contact Jamie Fillet at filletjamie@hotmail.com.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Living Stations of the Cross Is Coming Soon!

Join other teens from Saint Peter's Parish in portraying Jesus' suffering and death on the cross by taking part in this service, which will take place at noon on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. We need actors, readers, musicians, and singers. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Rory Crawford.

You may phone Deacon Crawford on 301-774-7654 or contact him by email at rorycrawford@verizon.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

| NAME | RELATIONSHIP/REQUESTOR |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita | Pastor/St. Peter's Church |
| Rev. Fr. Louis Tou | Past Chaplain/Council 6793 |
| Phyllis Weller | Wife/Richard Weller |
| Ben Popera | Friend/Don Hemke FS |
| Kayla MacBride | Niece/Fr. Thomas Kalita |
| Dubinsky Family | Neighbors/Deacon Tom Cioffi |
| Donna d'Almeida | Wife/Innocent d'Almeida |
| Innocent d'Almeida | Brother Knight |
| Karen Mazonkey | Daughter/Barbara & Bob Mazonkey |
| Cheryl Brown | Niece/Innocent d'Almeida |
| Dottie Chen | Sister-in-Law/Homer Chen |
| Leon Amaducci | Brother Knight/Chris Romano |
| Cindy Boland | Wife/Tim Boland |
| Ella Ryan | Sister-in-Law/John Moore |
| Judy Myers | Wife/Jim Myers |
| Dolores Verges | Friend Dana Perry |
| Louis Krempasky | Father/Joseph Krempasky |
| Dan Heath | Charter Member 6793 |
| Brian Hemke | Son/Don Hemke, FS |
| Dick Sherbert, PSD | Past Member Council 6793 |
| Kathryn Wharton | Aunt/Paul McFarlane |
| Catherine Rizzo | Granddaughter/Chuck Cozad |
| Olga Acosta-Poston | Friend/Paul McFarlane |
| Stephania Brant | Friend/Dana Perry |
| Joan Bruno | Grandmother/Dave Bruno |
| Dr. Bill Colliton | Father/Andy Colliton |
| Patricia Gulban | Cousin/Bill Gulban |
| Dan Dudak | Cousin/Bill Gulban |
| Dorothy Marceron | Grandmother/Marc Long |
| Beverly Sgroi | Friend/Fred Whitman |
| Gundel Menzel | Wife/Karl Menzel |
| Rose Taylor | Mother/Fred Taylor |
| Tom Schneider, PFN | John Durbin |
| Jerry Conway | Council Brother/Don Hemke |
| Francis Gregory | Deceased FEB/27/2014 |
| George Brown/Brother Knight | Deceased MAR/06/2014 |

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



Our Council website [www.kofc6793.org] links to the MD State Council's website [www.kofc-md.org] where you will find the latest State news. There's also a link to the Supreme Council's website [<http://www.kofc.org>] where you can learn more about the global reach of our Order.

PRO-LIFE "CULTURE OF LIFE" NEWS

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE IS MONDAY MARCH 10

"It is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day." Pope Francis



- 5:15PM Non Denominational Service & Catholic Mass
- 6:30PM March through Annapolis (*Shuttle available for those unable to walk.*)
- 7:00PM Rally at Lawyer's Mall (*Signs with poles or sticks not permitted.*)
- 8:00PM Chick-Fil-A™ and Fellowship at St. Mary's

For other details, visit:

<http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org/schedule.html>

COUNCIL'S DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Jesus, I Trust In You!

Please arrive just before 7PM to our council business meetings to take part in our dedicated prayer time for the promotion of Pro-Life activities and Catholic vocations. We gather in the OLGChapel at 7PM to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Chaplet materials are provided. Just bring a genuine desire to join your brother knights in prayer. This activity will not interfere with the normal 7:30PM business meeting start time.

COUNCIL DUES REMINDER Don Hemke, Council Financial Secretary



I want to personally thank all council members for taking the payment of their 2014 Council Dues obligation a bit more seriously than in the past. Perhaps the use of providing the individual member statements by email, for the 1st time this year, may have helped. Whatever the reason, I want to remind those brother knights to submit their dues payments to me promptly. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the Grand Knight, Jack Giacalone (301-774-6338) for possible remedy. A second notice will be issued within the next few weeks, so PAYMENT NOW, will save the council significant printing and postage costs.

JOIN THIS \$1,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE!



Our parish priests are “on call” day and night, bringing comfort and the sacraments to parishioners. The Catholic faithful need these men. And those men who may be considering the sacrament of Holy Orders, need you.

Again this year, a Council Brother, who wishes to remain anonymous, offers to **"match your donations"** to our Seminarians' Fund up to \$1,000! **This most generous challenge is effective through June 15, 2014.** Please make your check payable to “Knights of Columbus Council 6793” and mail it to Don Hemke, Financial Secretary, Council 6793, 18729 Willow Grove Road, Olney, MD. 20832. As this Brother Knight says, *“Here is your opportunity to make an offering to our High Priest and for those who aim to follow Him in the seminary.”*

SUPREME NEWS

Source: KofC Supreme Website

"The Power of One"



This production, created by Supreme Council, is geared to help Councils strengthen their rosters with active new members and develop local leaders for the Order. The production looks at a successful council and its efforts to work with other local councils to make a difference in the local parish and community.

Copy and paste the link below into your Internet's browser and discover the **POWER of 1.**

<http://www.kofc.org/en/videos/videolibrary.html#1680544792001>

NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS NOMINATIONS



Nominations are being accepted for council officers who will lead us in the coming fraternal year beginning July 1, 2014. Any third degree brother knight of this Council is eligible to be nominated for any position of the officers. You can also nominate yourself if you wish. For information or nominations, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

Committee members are Grand Knight Jack Giacalone, Deputy Grand Knight Joseph Feakes, Rev. Jim Cadigan (3-Year Trustee) Stephen Goldhammer (2-Year Trustee) and Joseph Krempasky (1-Year Trustee). The election will take place at the June 12, 2014 Business Meeting.

U-KNIGHT INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

[<http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=6793>]

Jack Giacalone, Grand Knight



A prayer list is published in each newsletter. It's created by members placing names on lists circulated at our Executive and Business meetings. Another way to ask for prayers for a fellow Knight, your family, or others is to visit our U-Knight website. (See web address, above.)

On the left-hand side of the main screen, select **“Prayer Requests.”** Then, select **“Select Your Prayer Request.”** Then, enter your KofC membership number and your birthdate. Now you may add a name to the prayer list and, if you wish, indicate the reason for prayers. It's not required to add a reason. Some prefer anonymous requests.

Our newsletter Editor and Council officers routinely check this information to ensure all prayer intentions are honored.

CONGRATULATIONS JANUARY 2014 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: **William R. Strosnider**



CONGRATULATIONS JANUARY 2014 FAMILY OF THE MONTH: **Sam & Maryanne Ledden**

Knights of Columbus Council #6793



Lenten Family Fish Dinner

White Fish ♦ Fish Sticks ♦ French Fries
Cole Slaw ♦ Apple Sauce ♦ Rolls
Soft Drinks ♦ Coffee ♦ Tea ♦ Desserts



St. Peter's Parish Hall

Friday, APRIL 11, 2014

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Eat, then attend *Stations of the Cross* at 7:15 PM.

Pay at the Door: Adults = \$8.00

Kids (Ages 4-12) = \$5.00

Kids (Ages 3 and younger) = Free!

For Information Call: Jack Giacalone (301-774-6338)



Bring non-perishable food items to donate to St. Peter's Food Pantry!

We will have collection boxes!



Father Peter Paul Maher Council

38th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON Sunday, April 6, 2014 (2 - 4 p.m.)

**Golden Bull Restaurant
7 Dalamar Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877**



Sit Down Dinner Menu

**Chicken Marsala in Wine Reduction with Mushrooms or
Roast Prime Rib of Beef or Fresh Filet of Salmon with Dill Sauce
Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Chocolate Mousse or Vanilla Ice Cream
Entrees include; Garden Salad, Vegetable of the Day
Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Soda**

Table of 10 may be reserved and Guests are welcome!

Cost: \$30 per person

Please contact Jack Giacalone as soon as possible with your reservation request and choice of entree.

- Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday April 2, 2014.
- Contact Jack on (301) 774 6338 or at igiacal@verizon.net

Make your check payable to: *Fr. Maher Council #6793.*
Mail To: Jack Giacalone 3901 Shallow Brook Lane, Olney, MD 20832



► **Sunday, March 30 (2-4PM)** Welcome Spring Party for Residents of Marian's Assisted Living Center, Brookeville, MD

► **Saturday, April 12 (11AM)** Council's 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Grounds of the Marian's Assisted Living Center

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- MAR 05 WED **Executive Meeting**, Cottage on Marian Grounds, **7:30PM** (*Ash Wednesday –Lent Begins.*)
MAR 06 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Executive Meeting** at Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 7:30 PM
MAR 08 SAT Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Special Olympics, MD. For details call John Durbin, 301-762-4448.
MAR 11 TUE Information Session for Prospective Members, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
MAR 12 WED **Business Meeting**, OLGC at 7:30PM ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.
MAR 15 SAT St. Patrick's Sham Rock N' Party 2014 - 7PM to Midnight, New St. Patrick's Parish Hall
MAR 17 MON St. Patrick's Day! ❀❀❀
MAR 20 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Social Meeting** at Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM
MAR 26 WED First Degree, OLGC, Candidates to arrive at 7PM
MAR 30 SUN Welcome Spring Party for Residents of Marian's Assisted Living Centre (2-4PM)
- APR 02 WED **Executive Meeting**, Cottage on Marian Grounds, **7:30PM**
APR 03 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Executive Meeting** at Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 7:30 PM
APR 06 SUN Council 6793 38th Charter Anniversary Dinner - RSVP by APR/02 - **See attached flyer for details.**
APR 08 TUE Information Session for Prospective Members, St. Peter's Shepherd's Room, 8PM
APR 09 WED **Business Meeting**, OLGC at 7:30PM ~ Arrive at 7PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet.
APR 11 FRI Lenten Family Fish Dinner, St. Peter's, 5:30-7PM - **See attached flyer for details.**
APR 12 SAT Council's 9th Easter Egg Hunt on Grounds of Marians Assisted Living Center – 11AM
APR 13 SUN Palm Sunday
APR 17 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861 **Business Meeting** at Fr. Cuddy Hall Council #2323 at 8 PM
APR 18 FRI Good Friday – **“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34**
APR 20 SUN Easter Sunday – **Jesus Chris is risen this day, Hallelujah!**
APR 23 WED **Council Social – Details to come.**
APR 27 SUN Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service, St. Patrick's Church, 2PM

For more information or to participate in any Council events, call Jack Giacalone, GK on 301-774-6338.

THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CALENDAR MAY BE VIEWED AT: WWW.KOFC6793.ORG

(Select “Calendar” then “View 2013-2014 Council Calendar”)

Minutes of our monthly Business Meetings are posted on the Council's website. (Select “Business Mtg. Minutes” link.)

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[pmknight6793kofc@verizon.net] no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's publication.

Questions regarding newsletter content or story ideas may be sent to Paul via e-mail, anytime or call him on (301-633-9439).