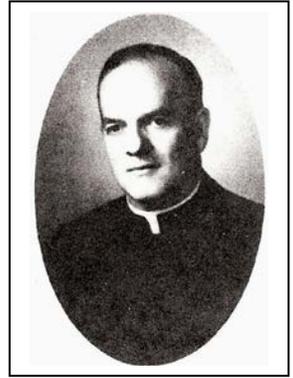


Father Maher's Knightly News



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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Welcome to Lent 2020. We are reminded that this is a time of preparation, based on honest reflection of the ways in which we fail to let the love of God guide our lives. We are encouraged to practice self-denial as a way of developing the self-mastery that keeps us from succumbing to the demands of our instinctual urges and to then review the destination we have entered into our spiritual GPS and follow the directions to arrive to our true home. But we must keep in mind this reason for our self-denial: some will give up chocolate for Lent just to be able to brag that they made it to Easter without candy and then fill up on the chocolate bunnies at Easter. Or there may be the desire to fast so as to lose weight. But we're reminded of C. S. Lewis' master demon Screwtape who would advise his nephew, an apprentice demon, to guide his human subject to pursue acts of spiritual discipline with the spin that instead of helping one to grow in virtue, one grew instead in the sins of pride and selfishness, eliminating the good that the discipline should have produced.

Let us keep in mind the reason for this season, the reason that should direct all that we do – to spend eternity in Heaven, and to help those around us, our families, our friends, total strangers - to see the attractiveness of our destination and the desirability of walking along with us. Let's not focus so much on what we can give up for Lent only to take up again after Easter, but rather on those things we

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

can change that we will continue until the end of our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus' firm resolve to complete His mission should be the model for our own – to get to Heaven, and to lead all whom God has given us to get there as well. May God bless us all.

Fr. Jim

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK Joseph F. Krempasky, District Deputy (30)

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March 9 - St. Catherine of Bologna was an Italian nun and artist born as Catherine de' Vigri on September 8, 1413 in Bologna, Italy. In 1432, she and other young women of Ferrara founded a monastery of the Order of Poor Clares. During the Lenten season of 1463, Catherine became ill, and on March 9 she passed away. Because of the many cures attributed to her, her body was exhumed and was found to be incorrupt and remains so today.

As we enter the season of Lent, we also enter into one of the holiest parts of the catholic liturgical year. The liturgical year starts with the First Sunday of Advent and concludes with the last week in Ordinary Time during which the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from his birth to his second coming.

The Knights of Columbus has a new 12-part program, combining Into the Breach and Apostolic Exhortation. This video series breaks down the masculine virtues of Catholicism. All episodes will premiere on Ash Wednesday at <https://www.kofc.org/intothebreach>.

Third period reports (December 1, through February 28, 2019) are due to Bill Van Horn NO LATER THAN MARCH 5. Report forms are on the State Website and must be signed by the Grand Knight and the District Deputy. Remember one report per category (Faith, Family, Community and Life.)

The State Basketball Free Throw Competition will be held on March 22 at Archbishop Spaulding High School. ONLY District Winners should participate in this competition. Volunteers are still needed (If you can chase balls and count to 25, you're our man).

The Spring Meeting for state officers is scheduled for March 7, 8:00 AM. This meeting will be held at the Easton Elks Lodge. The officers should return with plenty of new and updated information.

Family Fun Day at Hershey Park will be held on Sunday, April 28. Tickets are now available online.

The Catholic Men's Conference being held on March 23 at St. Joseph's Church in Nottingham, MD from 7AM to 3:30PM. Additional information can be found online.

The preparation for the Spring District-wide Golf Outing is currently taking place. Besides golfers, we need sponsors, and helpers. Talk to Ron Herbert. He is our coordinator this year.

The Maryland District 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at the Princess Royal Hotel, located in Ocean City, Maryland. The Exemplification date is March 14 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Please be thinking of the next council formal recruitment drive and the retention of those members that we haven't seen in a while. Both Kevin Kennedy and I wish a happy and holy Lent.

Vivat Jesus

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK W. Fred Taylor, Grand Knight

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We are at the beginning of a new era for the Knights of Columbus. A modern single, public exemplification ceremony is now being used to present the lessons of charity, unity and fraternity and welcome men to our ranks as full members of the Order. Our Council viewed and discussed this new exemplification at our Social meeting in February and are excited about putting this into practice! This ceremony will be conducted by our Council for the first time in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on March 25 at 7:30PM. I encourage all of you who have not yet received your Second and/or Third Degree to attend and participate in this event with your wives and families.

I thank Kevin Kennedy for leading our Basketball Free Throw event this year at St. Patrick's Parish Center on the morning of Saturday, February 29. It was great to see many of our young folk enjoying themselves at a Knights

event. Kevin is also leading our essay competition at St. Peter's and St. Patrick's parish schools. Awards will go to defray a little of the winners' tuition cost for next year. We 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.

Joe Krempasky is also leading our Mulch Sale activity again this year. We will meet on March 21 to deliver the orders. Please call Joe (301-570-4891) to purchase mulch for your Spring cleanup and/or to help with the deliveries. My thanks to Joe for all that he does for our Council. We are blessed to have Brother Knights who give so much of themselves.

Mark your calendars for two Lenten dinners that we have planned in conjunction with the Stations of the Cross at two of our Parishes. We will be at St. Peter's for a traditional fish dinner on March 13 and at Our Lady of Grace on April 3 for a shrimp marinara dinner. Stop by, donate to our programs, have a great meal, and say the Stations of the Cross.

We will be back at the Marian House for our annual "Welcome to Spring" event on Sunday, April 19 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. Please contact Kevin Kennedy to participate in this special day when we reach out to our Senior Community and try to bring them some extra joy with games, conversation, snacks and entertainment.

An event you don't want to miss is our annual Charter Anniversary Dinner where we have a fantastic meal, honor the founders and past leaders of our Council and distribute our 2019-2020 Tootsie Roll collections directly to three local organizations serving the Intellectually Disabled Community here in Montgomery County. The meal is being catered by "Renaissance Chef" at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center at 2PM on Sunday, April 26. Hope to see you there!

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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WOW! Seeing Knights pull together at our first Delta Church (Membership) Drive to make it a successful event was heartwarming. On February 2, Knights greeted parishioners at both the 9:30AM and 11:30AM masses at each of the church entrances. At each Mass, the Monsignor

and our Grand Knight gave a short introduction to the Knights of Columbus with numerous Knights from our council in attendance.

Our parish priests and the entire congregation could plainly see that we as knights are in fact advocates of The Lord and stand together as one. Many of the Catholic men took home all of our brochures to read and consider joining our fraternity. Others sought out our brothers to actively register for membership or transfer from another Council. Our fraternity of Catholic brothers proudly showed their dedication to our faith, our churches, and our communities, and the importance of focusing on the continuing growth of our Council. Surely, Our Lady Queen of the Knights blessed this activity and kept us true to the pledge to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth. On February 2, we certainly met our pledge to Our Lady Queen of The Knights.

God bless and thanks to the participating brothers for your commitment at these Masses.

SECOND NOTICE FOR DUES PAYMENT

Many of you have paid your dues and received your 2020 council membership card. For those who have not paid their 2020 dues obligation yet, you should have just received a second notice to pay your dues a short time ago. Your 2019 membership card will only be acceptable at our council business meetings in March 2020, so get after it now, and pay your dues. For all issues or problems with dues or cards, please contact me as soon as possible.

Don Hemke, Financial Secretary
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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 current slate of Officers for the 2020-21 fraternal year is posted below and the election process will begin in the April business meeting. For more information, you can contact Kevin at 301-807-9749.

Grand Knight	Joe Krempasky, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	TBD
Chancellor	Ramon Bueno
Warden	Pete Townson
Recorder	Christopher Romano
Advocate	David Wolk
Treasurer	William Kollins
Guard	Paul Boccabella
Guard	Ed Shaffer
3 year Trustee	Fred Taylor PGK
2 year Trustee	Steve Sutkowski
1 year Trustee	Fred Whitman, PGK

FAITH IN ACTION

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Lenten Book Giveaway

St. Patrick Church asked the Council if we could support a Lenten book giveaway. With only a short advance notice, the council agreed to support this activity. We had a good turnout of Knights, and we handed out 600 copies of Bishop Barron's book titled "Lenten Gospel Reflections". Thank you to all the Knights who responded to the call for volunteers on such short notice.

FAMILY NEWS

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Food for Families Program

Did you know that in 2019, through our 'Food for Families' program, our Council donated over 600 pounds of food to the St Martins Food Pantry program?

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.

CHURCH NEWS

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OUR LADY OF GRACE

Website: <http://ourladyofgracelw.weebly.com/>
Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Oberammergau Pilgrimage

It is never too early to register for an inspirational trip that will provide life-long memories of the Basilica's of Italy. Saint Patrick's is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Oberammergau in Italy from July 12 to July 23.

Places visited will include Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome and St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. The entire expense will be \$5,278. We will be leaving from Washington, DC's (Dulles airport).

For more information call Traveling Pilgrim at 1-888-878-8187 or Melanie Baker at St. Patrick's, 301-924-2285 x317.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



An Evening of Funraising and Fundraising!

The new decade is upon us and the countdown has begun for the Saint Patrick School Gala! We are roaring back in time to the 1920's Saint Patrick style for (or "of") "The Great Patsby 2020 Gala" on Saturday, March 21 from 7PM. to midnight. Hosted at Manor Country Club, you can look forward to a great night supporting our parish school including live music, a plated dinner, an open bar, and amazing live and silent auctions. You will be the cat's meow in your best '20s attire. Start planning now! Visit www.Bidpal.net/stpatgala2020 to get your tickets.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Low-Income Families Need Your Help During the Upcoming Tax Season

Do you use Turbo Tax? If yes, hundreds of low-income families need your help this coming tax season. Every year the Catholic Charities' VITA Tax Assistance Program assists struggling parents with their tax returns, maximizing their refunds to help them achieve financial stability—but we need your help to make sure more families claim their well-deserved Earned Income and Child Tax Credits.

For more information on sharing your expertise, please call Deacon Jim Shanahan at 202-772-4310 or e-mail him at jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

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March brings thoughts of spring. For some, it's time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer. For those in the north, it means looking forward to the thaw after winter. For some it is welcome relief after months of frigid temperatures, howling winds and heavy snow. Some in the south, who enjoy the milder winters, now realize again that after spring, a hot summer ensues.

Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. After being cooped up all winter, it's traditional in many households to do that deep cleaning all throughout the house. That means washing down walls and moving furniture to clean behind pieces that haven't seen the light of day since last year's cleaning. It means taking down and washing drapes and curtains; windows are washed inside and out. (Thank goodness for modern tilt windows that mean no time outside in the chillier weather.) This is a time when the whole family is expected to pitch in and my "Honey Do" list gets longer and longer. (Personally, I'm the window washing guy.) In days gone by when most everyone had a coal fired furnace, a winter of closed windows meant the walls needed a good washing. With gas, electric and hot water boilers there's less of a need to wash walls, but for some, it's still a tradition. Spring is a time of renewal and revival.

While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and freshening the house, now is a great time to do some sprucing up with a fresh look at your family's financial security.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent I've been trained to help you through that important exercise. Sit down with me for a free financial needs analysis using our Profiles+ Forecaster platform. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those needs.

With a wide range of products; life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you plan for your family's financial security now and for many years to come. All with the safety and security of dealing with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church teaching. Be sure to ask about the new life insurance product, the Protector NLG Universal Life. It may be a fit for your particular needs.

Get ready for spring, get your home freshened up and make sure your financial house is spruced up. It's an easy and friendly visit from me, a brother Knight. 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
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
Marilyn Goldhammer	Wife/ Steve Goldhammer
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
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou (Past Chaplain/Council 6793)	02/03/2020
Charles Aboyoum	02/08/2020

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

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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Physician Assisted Suicide

Last year, Maryland lawmakers rejected a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide (PAS) for the fourth time. Yet, advocates are expected to reintroduce the legislation in this session. Regardless of what the bill looks like, PAS will be a risk to the elderly, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and others. No safeguards can truly protect against coercion and abuse of vulnerable individuals. Nor can doctors accurately predict that an illness will be terminal in 6-months. And there is evidence in states where PAS is legal that insurance companies are already declining coverage of life-extending treatments and instead approving coverage for cheaper drug overdoses that end a patient's life. Governor Larry Hogan has indicated that he is open to possibly signing a PAS bill if it comes to his desk. A growing coalition of local bipartisan opposition to PAS will oppose this legislation. Will you? For more information about PAS, check with Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide at stopassisted-suicide.md.org.

40 Days for Life

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) – April 5 (Palm Sunday) – The spring campaign of 40 Days for Life runs the Lenten Season. Can you spare an hour during this penitential time to pray at one of the four locations in Maryland where vigils are being held from 7:00AM to 7:00PM daily? Better

still, can your council/church fill one day per week, or just one of the 40 days?

Bethesda -- Carhart's CARE (formerly called AbortionClinics.org), 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Local Coordinator: Jill Gadwood, 40DaysBethesda@gmail.com, 949-280-9494. Every Monday, from 9AM-11AM, year-round, a group gathers here to pray for an end of abortion. For more information about the year-round effort, contact dickretta61@verizon.net.

On the third Wednesday of every month there is an organized protest of Johns Hopkins' abortion policy at their main campus in Baltimore. They do 2nd trimester abortions...up to 20 weeks of life. The protest is between 8:30 and 10 AM. There is free parking close by. Call Linda and Jim at 410-285-8126 for more information. Download the flyer at:

<https://www.defendlife.org/docs/hopkins3rdwednesday.pdf>.

Maryland's KofC Ultrasound Program

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns is in the final stages of refurbishing a building to establish a pregnancy care center at 328 N. Howard Street, in Baltimore, directly next to the Planned Parenthood location where the emergency occurred. It is expected to open in a few months and will have an ultrasound machine, thanks to the Knights of Columbus in Maryland.

The KofC has donated 24 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. For more information about the ultrasound program or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net.

Take Action! Stand up for survivors of Human Trafficking

Recently, the Maryland State Senate and House of Delegates heard testimony on the True Freedom Act of 2020. This critical legislation will allow courts to review and remove convictions from the records of human trafficking survivors for the crimes they were forced to commit by their traffickers. The Maryland Catholic Conference is asking you to speak up for victims of trafficking by writing legislators asking them to support the True Freedom Act of 2020.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]

REFLECTIONS

Crisis, Hope, and the Lenten Season

(by Lawrence P. Grayson)

Maryland State Council Pro-Life Director

“[T]he Church is currently experiencing one of the greatest crises she has ever known,” declared Cardinal Raymond Burke last October. This assessment was recently affirmed by Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI who described the

current situation as “the lasting crisis that the priesthood has been going through for many years.”

In the introduction to their soon-to-be-released book, *From the Depths of Our Hearts: Priesthood, Celibacy, and the Crisis of the Catholic Church*, the Pope-Emeritus and Cardinal Robert Sarah wrote: “The priesthood is going through a dark time. Wounded by the revelation of so many scandals, disconcerted by the constant questioning of their consecrated celibacy, many priests are tempted by the thought of giving up and abandoning everything.” Priests are questioning their vocations at a time when they are needed most to catechize and lead their congregations in the faith.

The Church is being besieged throughout the world, externally and internally, politically and culturally. And what is true for the universal Church is equally true for the Church in America.

This country is evolving into a secularist, anything goes society, becoming anti-religious and threatening the ability of people to live their faith in the public square. A host of laws, regulations and judicial rulings are allowing homosexuality, assisted suicide, gay marriage, abortion, pornography, prostitution, self-selected sexual identity and transgender behavior to spread throughout the nation. The advocates for these positions are clamoring not only for acceptance, but for special protected rights to acclaim their behavior and force others to adhere to their values or face legal penalties and social sanctions.

The cumulative effect is staggering. Christian bakers, photographers, printers, owners of celebratory venues, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and others are being threatened with civil and workplace penalties if they do not use their skills to celebrate and memorialize activities that violate their religious consciences. Even the Little Sisters of the Poor have been forced to seek relief for a third time from the U.S. Supreme Court to exempt them from a government mandate to provide their employees with health insurance that covers abortion-inducing drugs. And, although the bill was withdrawn before becoming law, the California state senate overwhelmingly approved a bill to force priests to violate the seal of Confession in cases of child abuse.

At a time when the voice of the Catholic Church is needed greatly to meet these external threats, it has been effectively silenced by internal scandals that never cease to shock: sexual abuses of minors and seminarians, hierarchical cover ups, misuse of church funds, disputes among bishops and among cardinals over long-settled dogma, including married clergy, priestly celibacy, ordination of women, and Communion to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, non-Catholics, and pro-abortion politicians. The result is a laity that is largely confused and discouraged, and either obeying only those elements of the faith that meet their liking or leaving the Church entirely.

As Pope Paul VI warned almost 50 years ago, the “smoke of Satan” has seeped into the Church. In spite of the moral darkness, there is hope. There are many strong religious elements that can foster a resurgence of the Catholic faith. There are new religious orders with an increasing number of seminarians and postulants. There is a vibrant and expanding lay, Catholic media. There are newly-established

colleges that are committed to developing strong Catholic identities.

In addition to organizational strengths, there are the youth. On the day of his installation as pope, St. John Paul II said to the young people gathered in St. Peter’s Square: “you are the hope of the Church and of the world.” A commitment to the youth was a continuing theme throughout his ministry for he saw the young searching for the meaning of life and for ways to lead their lives. The youth, he perceived, are searching for God.

This papal-saint was right. Millennials, those born in the period 1981-2000, have already shown that they are a Pro-Life generation. From among their ranks are many of today’s pro-life activists, disturbing the consciences of their elders, bringing the atrocities of abortion into public view, and expanding their numbers through outreach efforts in schools, colleges and universities. They are changing society. Public attitudes are shifting. Pro-life advocacy is increasing. Pro-abortion support is declining. The annual number of abortions is now the lowest it has been since abortion was legalized in 1973.

Passionate, Catholic, young adults and young converts are evangelizing on college campuses, street corners and other public venues. And there are many young families who are living their faith daily – praying, engaging in charitable works, and instilling in their children the habits of a Catholic life.

The latest generational cohort, born after 2000, appears to be equally committed to pro-life. Referred to as the iGeneration, the first pictures for many were taken via ultrasound in the womb, presenting them with the undeniable humanity of the unborn. As a positive indicator of the future, teenage pregnancies, births and abortion rates are at all-time lows and decreasing.

While there is reason for hope, a spiritual crisis – a satanic battle -- cannot be overcome solely with material approaches. It requires our actions to be aligned with the Will of God, so that He can act through us. The path forward requires a concerted effort by all Catholics, clerical and lay, to live the faith they profess. A reformation can start now in Lent by making it not only a period of spiritual preparation for celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, but of repentance and renewal of the Church.

Let us begin by doing something each day to contribute to a resurgence of the faith – say the rosary, spend some time each week in Eucharistic Adoration, abstain from meat on Fridays, go to Confession, attend Mass more frequently, meditate on the liturgical readings through which the penitential spirit of the season is exemplified.

If we do, the results will be profound. As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us, “The power of Christ’s Cross and Resurrection is greater than any evil...[Our Lord’s] demands never exceed man’s abilities. If man accepts these demands with an attitude of faith, he will also find in the grace that God never fails to give him the necessary strength to meet those demands.” When we pray and do our best to meet the Lord’s expectations, the world will be a different place.

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

POPE PRAISES THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Address of His Holiness Pope Francis
to the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus
10 February 2020



Pope Francis meets with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori.
(Photo by Vatican Media)

Dear Friends, I offer you a warm welcome on the occasion of your pilgrimage to Rome in this year that marks the centennial of the charitable activity of the Knights of Columbus in this city.

In fact, it was one hundred years ago that my predecessor Pope Benedict XV invited the Knights of Columbus to provide humanitarian aid to young people and others in Rome following the terrible conflict of the First World War. The Knights responded generously, establishing sports centres for youth that quickly became places for education, catechesis and the distribution of food and other essentials so needed at that time. In this way, your Order proved faithful to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need.

Today the Knights of Columbus continue their work of evangelical charity and fraternity in a variety of fields. I think in particular of your faithful witness to the sacredness and dignity of human life, evident at both the local and national levels. This conviction has also led the Knights of Columbus to aid, both materially and spiritually, those Christian communities in the Middle East that are suffering the effects of violence, war and poverty. I thank all the members of your Order for seeing in our persecuted and displaced brothers and sisters of that region neighbours for whom you are a sign of God's infinite love.

Since its foundation, the Knights of Columbus has demonstrated its unswerving devotion to the Successor of Peter. The establishment of the Vicarius Christi Fund is a testimony to this devotion, as well as to the desire of the Knights to share in the Pope's solicitude for all the Churches and in his universal mission of charity. In our world, marked by divisions and inequalities, the generous commitment of your Order to serve all in need offers, especially to young people, an important inspiration to overcome a globalization of indifference and build together a more just and inclusive society.

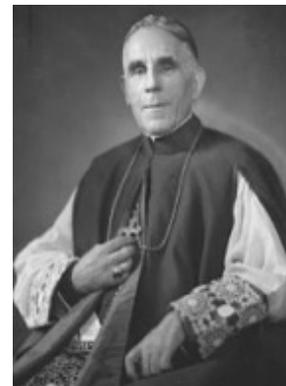
Dear brothers and sisters, with these thoughts and sentiments, I entrust you to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I offer my prayers for the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and for the good works accomplished by the local Councils worldwide. To all of you present here and to your loved ones, I impart my heartfelt blessing, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. Thank you!

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

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

McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport



The March Chapter meeting will be hosted by Sacred Heart Council #2577 and will feature Chapter History and PCP Recognition Night.

Date: March 18, 2020

Time: 7 PM

Location: Boswell Hall, 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie MD, 20715.



Father Peter Paul Maher Council

44th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sunday, April 26, 2020, 2 - 5 p.m.

At Our Lady of Grace Parish Center

Catered by Renaissance Chef

Buffet Dinner Menu

Appetizers

Assorted Mini Quiche and Jerk Mango Chicken Skewer

Dinner

Fresh Garden Salad, Beef Burgundy, Teriyaki Glazed Salmon, Wild Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls & Butter

Water, Sodas, Beer and Wine

Dessert

Cake and Cookies

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MAR 13 FRI Lenten Dinner, Saint Peter's Church, 7PM
MAR 14 SAT Maryland District 4th Degree Exemplification, Princess Royal Hotel, Ocean City, MD, 9AM-3PM
MAR 18 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, Maurice J McDonough Council #12128 – at St Joseph Church Parish Center, 4590 St Joseph's Way, Pomfret MD, 20675.
MAR 19 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
MAR 23 MON Catholic Men's Conference, St. Joseph's Church, Nottingham, MD, 7AM-3:30PM
MAR 25 WED **Council Social Meeting, Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 7:30PM**
MAR 28 SAT Annual Easter Egg Hunt, St. Patrick's Church, 11AM. Contact: Joe Krempasky, Tel: 301-570-4891



- APR 01 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
APR 03 FRI Lenten Dinner, Our Lady of Grace Church, 7PM
APR 08 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World. **A Divine Mercy Chaplet Devotion before the business meeting at 7PM**
APR 15 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, St Elizabeth Council #12796 – General Purpose Room, 917 Montrose Rd, Rockville, MD, 20852.
APR 16 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
APR 19 SUN Annual Welcome Spring event at the Marian House, 1:30PM-3:30PM
APR 22 WED **Council Social Meeting**
APR 26 SUN Annual Charter Anniversary Dinner, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, 2PM

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