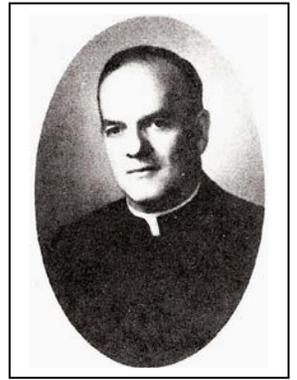


# Father Maher's Knightly News

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Dear Brother Knights,

May 1 is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in response to International Workers' Day celebrated by socialist and communist organizations on the same day. Pope Pius XII desired to emphasize the dignity of human labor, to put a spiritual meaning to work.

Labor – whether at home or at work – is a participation in God's governance of the world; in creating humanity, God chose to create cooperators to whom He gave stewardship over creation (cf. Gen. 1:28, 2:15). St. Joseph is a great example of how our work can give glory to God and help unleash His love upon the world. He uses well his God-given talent for carpentry instead of letting it go to waste. He loves well his wife and child who have been entrusted to him. In both these ways, St. Joseph lives well the life that God has planned for him.

It is tempting to look at work at home and in the office as everyday drudgery or servitude. May we instead see it as an opportunity to love, to utilize those gifts God has given us and steward well what He has entrusted to us, and thus to progress on our journey to heaven. St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

In Christ,

**Fr. Martino Choi**

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

### DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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St. Anastasius XIII - May 20  
St. Bobo - May 22

By the time that this article is published, the 120th State Convention, held in Ocean City, Maryland will have been brought to a close. This year was an election year, with much campaigning (within the guidelines), and fun to be had by all. As usual, everyone knew of the District 30 hospitality suite. We have a reputation for good food, drink, and camaraderie.

To date, the State Council has purchased twenty (20) ultrasound machines to be used to further the efforts of the Knight's Culture of Life. It is my understanding that of those expectant mothers that view their babies using the ultrasound machine, more than 60 percent decide against abortion.

The youth State Free Throw Competition was held on March 18 at Archbishop Spaulding HS. Ninety-two council and district winners came out to compete. The first and second place winners of each age bracket were awarded beautiful trophies.

Please remember that the state membership incentive lottery is still in effect, and will continue until July 1. During that time, those Knights that recruit a new member will have their names placed in the barrel. Ten (10) will be drawn for an all-expenses paid trip to Dublin, Ireland (Aug. 21 - 26, 2018).

Please do not forget the Supreme Convention being held this year in Baltimore, MD. The dates of the Supreme Convention are August 6-9. Our Jack Giacalone is coordinating this massive event this year, and still needs help as greeters/info men at the hotels, and drivers to shuttle dignitaries from the airport. No one will work longer than four (4) hours at a time, which leaves plenty of time to sit in on your chosen program. Think it over, and then give Jack a call.

Finally, please take a few moments to go on-line to view a video our State Deputy, State Secretary, and their wives on their trip to Guatemala. During this trip they distributed the "Boxes of Joy" to school children. Most of these children had never received a present, and lived in huts made of tin roofs and dirt floors.

Don't forget to ask Ron Herberg (the golf event chairman) how the golf event went!

**Vivat Jesus**

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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Not a terribly bad winter this year. I didn't even use my snow blower. But, as I am writing this message, spring hasn't sprung. What happened? As typical for the DC area, 70 degrees for the high one day and 40s for the high the next day. Like my Dad told me, "If you don't like the weather around here son, just wait a minute." I guess we'll go from winter straight into summer.

At our business meeting on May 11, we celebrated Council member SK Homer Chen's 90th birthday. Homer has been a member of our Council for over 40 years and is a past DD and PGK. Over the years, he has recruited 100 members to our Council. That's right. 100 new members to Council #6793. Over the years, Homer has attended, and helped with, most of our programs and events. It is a great privilege to have Homer in our Council and to call him a Brother Knight.



**Brother Knight Homer Chen**

As a show of appreciation to The Tavern for the food donations, especially for donating the food for our Communion Breakfast, we had a "Dinner at The Tavern" night on April 10. Thanks to all who attended.



**Dinner at the Tavern**

The Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Historic Site on April 14 was enjoyed by all who made the trip.

April 18 was a special night in our Council. First, our Council hosted the McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights at Our Lady of Grace at 8pm. Then, at the same time, our DKG Steve Sutkowski attended a Junior Leadership Mass at Our Lady of Good Council High School. Steve presented a \$1,000 scholarship to rising senior Isaac Balladares who was chosen by the school to receive the scholarship. We were honored to have been able to represent our Council at both of these events.

Our Charter Dinner was held on Sunday, April 22, at the Oak Room, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept. A great meal and a good time were had by all who attended. DKG Steve Sutkowski and SK Harry Bushar presented checks from the money we raised during our Tootsie Roll campaign to two of our favorite charities, Community Support Services, Inc. and Potomac Community Resources, Inc. A special thanks to Jack Giacalone for his hard work in putting this event together.

We had a special program at our April 25 social meeting at Our Lady of Grace. Bill Newbrough, DW District 18, gave an outstanding presentation on "Knights in Solidarity with Persecuted Christians." I am sure all who attended were moved by the plight of Christians in the Middle East. Please remember to add these persecuted Christians to your daily prayers.

We have several Council activities coming up in May and June. Please read about them in this newsletter, check the calendar on the back of the newsletter, and make plans to participate.

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**God bless you and your families.**

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## CHURCH NEWS

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### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



### MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER

On Sunday, May 13 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM., a Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary, 145 Taylor St., NE. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Priest Vocations, Father Mark Ivany at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org).

## OUR LADY OF GRACE

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Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



### JSSA HOSPICE AND TRANSITIONS VOLUNTEER TRAINING OF ROCKVILLE MD

JSSA offers specialized training for prospective volunteers for its Hospice and Transitions programs. On May 6 and 7, 9 AM. to 3 PM, this nonsectarian community agency, is seeking volunteers over the age of 18 to help enhance the quality of life of individuals and families facing life-threatening or terminal illness. Following the training, volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 2 hours a week visiting patients in the Hospice or Transitions programs. Please contact Carrie Myatt, Volunteer Coordinator, at 301-816-2611 or [cmyatt@jssa.org](mailto:cmyatt@jssa.org).

### ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



### SAINT PAUL'S HONDURAS CLINIC MISSION TRIP FROM AUGUST 2 TO AUGUST 9.

This year's trip is scheduled from Thursday, August 2 to Thursday, August 9, 2018. As always, needed are volunteer doctors, nurses, ENTs, dentists, hygienists, lay people, and prayer partners to have a successful trip. Not a health care professional? Please make a financial donation to help fund the medical brigades. It takes approximately \$1,500 for one brigade, and we host five brigades during the week. We expect to serve 1,000 people per day.

For more information please contact Sherrie Wade, Honduras Coordinator, at [Honduras@stpauldamascus.org](mailto:Honduras@stpauldamascus.org) or 301-580-3274.

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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

## FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Activities

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There is no doubt there will be multiple chances to do family stuff as we go into the Spring season. The grass is growing, trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and pollen is exploding.

The month of May brings ceremonies remembering the contributions of men and women who have served our Country and who continue to protect and defend this great nation "UNDER GOD".

Remember also those who served "behind the lines" giving of themselves to the mission to protect "THE HOME OF THE FREE AND THE LAND OF THE BRAVE".

Take every opportunity you can to reach out to your family in an effort to make it stronger. You don't know if this may be the last chance.

The American family is the cornerstone of our Democracy.

Fraternally, Joe Feakes.

## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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## MARYLAND ULTRA SOUND PROJECT

To date, the Maryland State Council has donated 20 ultrasound machines to pregnancy care centers throughout the state. For each machine, the State Council contributes about \$25,000 that is matched by funds from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters. The program needs funds. Several councils and districts are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Project. For more information or to make a donation, contact PSD Richard Siejack at [RVSiejack@aol.com](mailto:RVSiejack@aol.com).

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Recruitment of new members is not the job of the Chairman only. It is a joint effort of every member. As a member, you can invite your friends at Church, at work and your family members. The requirements are simple. The prospect must be a man, a Catholic and 18 years or older. Your ladies can be your great help to recruit. Try working with your ladies. The result could be surprisingly successful.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT LOTTERY INCENTIVE

A chance for you to win a paid trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, August 21-26, 2018, all expenses paid. Beginning December 1, 2017, every time that you recruit a member into the Order through June 30, 2018, your name will go into a drawing and on July 1, 2018, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, you and you wife will be notified immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.

We held recruiting drives at all three parishes on April 8. We had several transfers into our Council from other Councils.

We are hosting an Admissions Degree (First Degree) May 23 at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center at 7:30PM. Candidates should arrive at 7PM.

## BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR \$1500 Matching Challenge

Two anonymous council brother knights have again issued a challenge to all brother knights. They will match all donations to the council Seminarian Scholarship Fund up to \$1500 from January 2018 through May 2018!

The council welcomes the opportunity again to respond to the most gracious generosity of our council brother knights!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

John Feldmann, Chairman, Community Activities

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## MARION HOUSE SPRING PARTY

We have the Marion House Spring Party coming up on May 13, 2018 between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. This includes great desserts and activities for the residents, prizes for all, and also musical entertainment.

We will need 2-3 people to provide deserts and the punch, 2 people to hang up decorations, and another person to help distribute prizes. It would be helpful to also engage the residents in conversations and help with games.

Please contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-9308 or at [ssutko9208@aol.com](mailto:ssutko9208@aol.com) to help out.

## 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
Bill Gulban	Brother Knight
Bill Homick	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Jeff Kollins	Son/Bill Kollins
Helen Chen	Wife/ Homer Chen
Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
Jerry Hayden	Brother Knight
Walt Daku	Brother Knight
Lou Rizzo	Friend/ Kevin Kennedy
Mark Linehan	Brother-in-law/ Ed Shaffer
Paul D. McFarlane	Brother Knight
Kate Ennis	Sister-in-law/ Chris Romano
Jamie Singleton	Friend/ Chris Romano
Vismal Kauwar	Friend/ Christ Romano
Elaine Burgh	Mother-in-law/ Fred Taylor
Diane Palmer	Wife/ Gary Palmer
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
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**Continue to pray for the souls of our deceased armed forces.**

### COUNCIL NEWS

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### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**The proposed slate of Council Officers for 2018-2019**

Grand Knight	SK Stephen P. Sutkowski
Deputy Grand Knight	Open
Chancellor	SK Ramon Bueno
Warden	SK James Street
Recorder	SK Christopher Romano
Inside Guard	Ed Shaffer
Outside Guard	SK Gerald W. Hayden
Treasurer	William J Kollins
Advocate	Steve Goldhammer
3 yr Trustee	SK Fred Whitman
2 yr Trustee	SK Fred Taylor PGK
1 yr Trustee	SK Joe Feakes PGK

As you can see we have a position that is needed to be filled. Please call SK Kevin J Kennedy, at 301-774-5014 if you are interested.

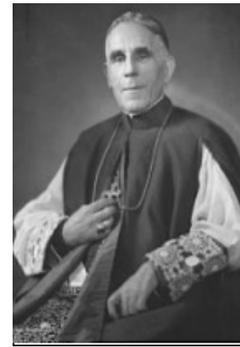
In accordance with our By-Laws, The Slate of Officers are published here in this month's newsletter, with voting to be held on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at our Council home, Our Lady of Grace Church meeting room.

### 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!

### MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)]



### 2018 SUPREME CONVENTION

The 2018 Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD from August 6 to 9. We are recruiting volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success.

The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their families to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties and support opportunities throughout the convention.

Please take a few minutes to review, complete and submit the volunteer information sheet, which is available online at [http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer\\_Information\\_Sheet\\_2018\\_BaltimoreConvention.pdf](http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer_Information_Sheet_2018_BaltimoreConvention.pdf).

We will communicate plans and schedules, via email, with our volunteers as we get closer to the convention. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Giacalone, Volunteer Coordinator at 301-774-6338 or email: [jgiacal@verizon.net](mailto:jgiacal@verizon.net).

## SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

### ‘TO RECEIVE AND GIVE LIFE’

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



#### Reversing negative demographic trends will depend on embracing the Church’s wisdom about marriage and family

IN 1980, I had the opportunity to speak in Rome at a conference on the future of the family in Europe and Africa, which was sponsored by the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart’s medical school.

During the meeting, a young African mother introduced herself and her new baby. She told us that her child’s name was “Gift Francis” and that she chose that name because when she was pregnant her parish priest, who was a Franciscan missionary, told her that her child was a gift from God.

I thought of Gift Francis last Advent when Pope Francis lamented nations that have entered a demographic winter because they have “chosen sterility.” Pope Francis contrasted this with the Christian’s way of life that is open “to receive and give life.”

The pope’s words followed a recent study published by Demographic Intelligence, which reports that the U.S. birthrate has fallen to a 30-year low of 1.77 children per woman. The study predicts that the U.S. birthrate will be at its lowest rate of growth since the Great Depression years of 1936-1937.

Numerous factors influence this negative growth; we identified many during our conference back in 1980. But now some experts suggest there may be a new factor: a correlation between the birth rate and increased use of social media.

They say more time spent in virtual reality has not only diminished real human interaction but created a new hesitation to commit to long-term relationships such as marriage and especially to the responsibility of raising children.

In an earlier column this year, I wrote about the coming of a new crisis as developments in science in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics and genetics increasingly blur our understanding of what it means to be human and even to act in a human way.

I wrote that, in this regard, Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, was truly prophetic.

As we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the encyclical, let us strive to recover its central teaching, that “married love

particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who ‘is love,’” (8) and that “this love is above all fully human.”(9).

If we do not recover this understanding of the “true nature and nobility” of married love, many younger Catholics living in a thoroughly secularized culture will find it increasingly difficult — if not impossible — to understand “human fulfillment” and what it means to be “fully human.”

We need more Catholic couples to adopt the attitude described by Pope Francis: a life of such generosity and sacrifice that they are willing “to receive and give life.”

This will require all of us to make greater efforts to transmit the central teaching of *Humanae Vitae* regarding the dignity and mission of marriage. This is one of the great pastoral challenges facing the Church in our time.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking to strengthen Catholic families by helping men and women understand their mission as both spouses and parents in terms of a “domestic church.”

We hope more Catholic families will appreciate in their daily lives how, in the words of Paul VI, “the marriage of those who have been baptized ... represents the union of Christ and His Church” (8).

At times, this will require Catholic couples to act heroically. At times, all of us will respond imperfectly. But this should only make us more, not less, determined to accompany and assist each other in fulfilling the noble mission given to our families. The safeguarding of this mission has been entrusted, through Father McGivney’s foresight, to our noble Order.

Vivat Jesus!

## YOUTH NEWS

GK Fred Whitman, *Acting Chairman, Youth Programs*

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### FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14.

This year’s Maryland State Free Throw competition was held on March 18 at Archbishop Spaulding HS. Ninety-two (92) council and district winners came out to compete. The first and second place winners of each age bracket were awarded beautiful trophies. It was a fun event. Congratulations to all.



**MAY 13 SUN -- Marian House Spring Festival, Marian House Assisted Living, 1:30PM-3PM Olney, MD**

**JUNE 27 WED -- Social Meeting, Year-End Fraternal Party, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World. Wives and families welcome.**

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- MAY 2 WED** Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center  
**MAY 4-6** Maryland State Convention, Ocean City, MD  
**MAY 8 WED** Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World  
**MAY 13 SUN** Marian House Spring Festival, Marian House Assisted Living, 1:30PM-3PM Olney, MD  
**MAY 19 SAT** Fund raising spaghetti dinner, 5PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, for our Council Seminarian Fund. Donations accepted for the dinner.  
**MAY 23 WED** Admissions Degree, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center  
**MAY 28 MON** Memorial Day Mass, 10AM, Gate of Heaven Cemetery



- JUNE 6 WED** Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center  
**JUNE 13 WED** Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World  
**JUNE 27 WED** Social Meeting, Year-End Fraternal Party, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World.  
Wives and families welcome.

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