

Father Maher's Knightly News

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

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor
Our Lady of Grace Church



I'm a little (a lot) late on getting my message done for this issue of the newsletter. I often mention that there's a reason why I am referred to as "the late Fr. Boccabella." I wanted to draw attention, of course, to the beautiful month of May when we celebrate the Mother of our salvation, the most powerful purely human being in all of history, the one woman whose "Yes" had the power to set our salvation in motion, to undo the "No" of our first parents, to stop the advance of the demise of the human race. Mary is so much more than what we know, and I believe we are going to learn more, much more about the power and the responsibility she has been given by our gracious God.

There is a reason why the last Mystery of the Rosary is Mary's coronation as "Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Queen of Angels and of men." It is extremely evident that she did not have only one job, to give birth to Jesus: her walking with Him, her encouragement and guidance and supreme patience through His Passion, her quiet leadership of the early Church, and now, her motherly observation of our chronic human stupidity and her constant efforts to help us remove ourselves from our self-destructiveness, all should merit our unending praise of her and thanksgiving to God for giving us such a Mother. Not only this, but at the end of the month we celebrate the first Pentecost, when she led the disciples present in the Upper Room through the first novena, praying for and then awaiting God's gift of the Holy Spirit. Mary, as the spouse of the Holy Spirit, wants to prepare us again for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit as a sign not only of God's love for all of us, but also to finally crush the head of Satan and remove his influence from our world.

As Knights of Columbus, we have a special fealty to our Lady, and, joined with all those who anxiously await this day, we should keep doing what we do, which is to be evidence of God's love to all we meet, to continue to help all of us to recognize that we are her children, and for us, to truly be her Knights. May our gracious God keep us dedicated to the Mother of His Son, and may He continue to keep all of us safe. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK W. Joseph F. Krempasky



May 18th - The Ascension Day - This occurs on Thursday, forty days after Easter and commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Well, we are fast approaching the end of our fraternal year, and it seems as though we are scurrying to complete all of those things that we have been meaning to do. Our schedule of events is compact, but worthwhile and fun.

On April 29th a small group of Knights and their ladies traveled to the Franciscan Monastery located in northeast Washington, DC, for a grand tour of the monastery. Fred Taylor had arranged for Brother Gregory to conduct the tour. He was insightful and knowledgeable about many historical happenings not readily known. A good time was had by all.

Of course, the 124th Maryland Knights of Columbus convention (May 4th - 7th) is scheduled to occur for the first time in Annapolis, Maryland. This should be interesting since our past conventions have been held in Ocean City, Maryland. The convention committee has had to introduce many changes to our usual mode of operation.

On May 7th, a Mass will be held in honor of Msgr. Essex's 50 years of priesthood. This is scheduled for 11:00 am. Most will recall that Msgr. Essex opened the doors to Our Lady of Grace to give our council a "home," following the loss of our cottage at the Marian Assisted Living property. He then became the council Chaplain. During Msgr. Essex's reign, he approved giving to us the space for our council's storage cottage and meeting room.

On Saturday, May 20th (11:00 am), a funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Grace honoring the passing of Brother John Moore. Following the mass, a reception will be held at Fr. Rosensteel council (12:30 pm).

As part of Fr. Peter Paul Maher's social gathering (May 24th), Brother Mark Fields will show a power point presentation of his recent trip to the Holy Lands. His narration of his trip only enhances an already exciting event. Refreshments will be served.

I will be looking for Knights to help with the parking of cars at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th (8:30 am). Five or six knights with the supplied walkie-talkies should do the job getting the cars parked prior to the annual 10:00 am mass. A reception for clergy and knights will be held in the chapel following mass.

There is more to come. The June message will include information regarding the WMET radio program and our annual end of the year potluck dinner/awards program. Watch your email for exciting notifications.

Proposed Slate of Officers

Below is the proposed slate of Officers recommended by the nominating committee and to be voted on at our 2023 June Business meeting. Nominations for additional candidates remain open.

Grand Knight	Dave Czarnecki
Deputy Grand Knight	Gene Kane
Chancellor	Mark Perez
Warden	<i>open</i>
Recorder	Christopher Romano
Treasurer	William Kollins
Advocate	Fred Whitman
Inside Guard	Paul Boccabella
Outside Guard	Bob Amato
Trustee Three Yr.	Joe Krempasky, PGK
Trustee Two Yr.	Martin Peschke, PGK
Trustee One Yr.	Fred Taylor, PGK

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

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OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Reverend James D Boccabella
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Grand Knight	SK Joseph F Krempasky
Deputy Grand Knight	Walter (Fred) Taylor
Chancellor	James E Street
Warden	Peter M Townson
Recorder	Mark Perez
Financial Secretary	Donald M Hemke
Treasurer	William J Kollins
Advocate	Frederick L Whitman
Lecturer	Jack Giacalone
Inside Guard	Paul M Boccabella
Outside Guard	

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Trustee Two Year	
Trustee Three Year	Martin G Peschke, PGK

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All council meetings are generally held in the KoC Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World at 7:30PM

Officer's meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and the Social meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Family of the Month and Knight of the Month

The May Family of the Month is Mark and Gloria Perez and the May Knight of the Month is Jim Street.

CHURCH NEWS

Jim Street, Church Activities Chairman

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Website: <http://ourladyofgracelw.weebly.com/>

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Post Cana Spring Fling

Our Post Cana Spring Fling is just around the corner! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 17th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event is a huge party! DJ

Captain Dave Wilbar will return with a music playlist of country, classic rock, and oldies songs. Mara Riordan, grand-daughter of Liz Mariani, is coming back again to treat us to her Irish dancing. Father Mark Hughes from Holy Redeemer will be joining us.

For information, registered members and prospective members should contact Mary Dugan at marydugan12@yahoo.com or 301 8733902. The deadline for making a reservation is Friday morning, May 12th. Lunch will cost \$20 in cash.

Sisters Sandwiches in Olney will provide 6 sandwich choices. •Roasted Turkey and Provolone Cheese on French Baguette •Ham and Swiss cheese on Marble Rye (Swiss, provolone, Gouda, cheddar, or American cheese) •Chicken Salad on Spinach Wrap •Tuna Salad on Multigrain Bread •Roasted Veggie with Mozzarella Cheese on French Baguette •Veggie wrap with cheese.

Father Michael's Mission

We must be flexible in our providing coats for the homeless. The day's temperature is one thing but the evening's temperature is quite another thing. Father Michael's Mission is collecting new and gently used coats for men, women, and children. A box is available in the narthex for donations of coats. When temperatures drop, many people are faced with the impossible decision between paying bills and purchasing food or buying coats that fit the men, women, or children.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>
Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



SOME News- Staying Flexible

During the kitchen renovation period, So Others May Eat (S.O.M.E.) has new requirements for our donations: Please only donate the small water bottles, even if it means you can give fewer in number. During the meal distribution, it is space issue. Please provide individually wrapped snacks, like cookies, crackers, oatmeal pies, or Rice Krispies treats. If you can supply any of these items, please bring them to the parking lot opposite the Parish Hall kitchen on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 8–8:30 am. Our SOME team will be there to collect your donations.

Thank you for your flexibility and your care and

concern for the homeless. PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to drop off any of the requested items before May 2, please contact Mark Perez at 240-422-7644 or the Office of Social Concerns at 301-774-0162 to make arrangements.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



How About Those Awesome Seminarians

We need to keep praying for our seminarians! Have You Ever Wondered How Much Training Our Seminarians' must complete on Their Journey to Priesthood. Archdiocesan seminarians go through "many years of formation before ordination". Seminarians, who have just graduated from high school, work on earning a bachelor's degree in Philosophy: First College, Second College, Third College, and Fourth College. Then they study Graduate-Level Theology: First Theology, Second Theology, Third Theology, and Fourth Theology. Men who have already earned a bachelor's degree before coming into the seminary may need to spend two years in a Pre-Theology Program: First Pre-Theology and Second Pre-Theology before advancing to Graduate-Level Theology. Before ordination, a seminarian may spend a "Pastoral Year" at a parish. Usually, a seminarian is ordained a transitional deacon the year before he is ordained a priest.

Our Poor Box

This week's Poor Box donations will benefit Bethesda Cares, a community-based outreach program, whose mission is to end homelessness through eviction prevention programs, street outreach, meal programs, and supportive housing. Once placed into housing, their clients' lives, health, and well-being improve, secure in the knowledge that they have a reliable roof over their heads.

Adoration

9 AM to 4PM - Eucharistic Adoration Fridays at Our Lady of Bethesda! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center 7007 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD

Visit Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the altar in the chapel each Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come for an hour, for a moment, or more. All are welcome. Find more information on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or

call 301-365-0212.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Street, Church Activities Chairman

DELTA Church Drive

Brother Knights, we are in the process of setting up an exciting membership drive at one of our parishes. This Delta Church Drive can help in uniting us as a council, uniting us with our priests, uniting us with our faith, and mirroring our Order to our potential brother Catholics. Please be mindful that in order for this membership drive to be a successful one, all of us need to be on board to ensure growth of our council. Further, if we want our brother Catholics and priests to believe in and support our council and our Order, we need to consistently show our dedication to our Catholic faith and our commitment to the four principals of our council: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

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

Let us Meet our pledge!

FAITH IN ACTION

John Feldmann, Faith Programs Chairman

Purpose of Crowning Mary*



It’s a Catholic tradition to honor Mary during the month of May by crowning her statue with flowers. The reason why we crown Mary is best summed up by Pope Paul VI who wrote in 1965 that May is an occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven.” The crown symbol is attributed to Mary because she is the Mother of the Son of God, who is our Heavenly King.”

When Did the Tradition of Honoring Mary in May Begin?*

The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary dates back to the 13th century. But it might come as a surprise to know that it wasn’t until the 18th century when this practice became popular. The practice became common among the members of the Jesuit Order in Rome. Because

of the far reach of the order’s schools, the devotion took hold, and by the 1700’s it began to spread worldwide.

Ref: Information referenced from the website:

<https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/may-marys-month/#:~:text=In%20the%20Catholic%20Church%20the,Jesus%20and%20our%20Heavenly%20Mother>

Council Seminarian Challenge

One of our very best council programs has been and continues to be our Sponsoring Catholic Seminarians. This year we returned to a goal sponsoring ten (10) Seminarians, the most of any council in the state of Maryland.

You may recall, we have had an anonymous brother Knight offer a \$1000 challenge to the council over a 3-month period for several years now, to spur achieving our \$5000 Seminarian goal. We are proud to announce that again with one additional anonymous brother knight offering a \$500 challenge, the council is being challenged to make \$1500 donations by 1 June to fully fund a REVISED GOAL of \$6000 to sponsor twelve (12) Seminarians this Fraternal Year! ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE??

We know you will accept this challenge because "It Is What Knights Do - Living Their Faith" for the Catholic Church! We highly recommend you use the council website (www.kofc6793.org) to make your donations. You can always mail a check donation (payable to KofC Council 6793) to Don Hemke, our Financial Secretary

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Steven Sutkowski, Community Activities Chairman

Food for Families Program

Our Council supports St. Patrick's monthly food drive. You can donate on the third Sunday of every month at the church between 8am and noon. The collection site is set up in the parking lot. Or you can bring food items to our monthly business meeting, and we will take them for you. Please support this worthy program.

Knight Operators, Standing By

On March 22, 2023, three of our Brother Knights volunteered as phone operators at the WMET Guadalupe Catholic Radio Network call center in Washington DC, collecting phone-in donations during the 2023 Spring Share-athon Appeal. Joe Schuler, WMET Station Development Director and a member of St. Peter’s Parish extended his appreciation to Don Hemke, John Feldmann and Dave Czarnecki for their participation.



FAMILY NEWS

Innocent D’Almeida, Family Programs Chairman

A Note of Thanks

Barbara Mazonkey requested to include this note of appreciation.

“Bob and I would like to acknowledge Brother Knight Steve Goldhammer and his wife Marilyn for bringing us a St. Patrick’s Day dinner, consisting of Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread and Irish Butter Dessert – Irish Cookies. The Diner was good but we really enjoyed their visit.

Also, Thank You to Innocent D’Almeida for a walker, Steve brought over.

Knights in Action. Mary Queen of the Knights – Pray for us.

Sincerely Bob & Barbara Mazonkey”

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Steve Goldhammer Life Programs Chairman

Assisted Suicide Defeated in Maryland

Assisted Suicide has been defeated in the Maryland General Assembly. The dangers presented by Assisted Suicide far outweigh any perceived benefits sold by out-of-state, well-funded proponents. The bill did not receive a vote out of committee in either the House or Senate. This marks the sixth time proponents of a culture of death by suicide have been defeated in Maryland.

Maryland Right to Life worked diligently to provide robust opposition to this fatally flawed legislation through lobbying, expert witness testimony and a massive grassroots campaign of emails and phone calls resulting in 19,469 messages of opposition being sent to legislators over the course of session. We wish to thank our allies in this endeavor including strategic opposition partners, respected physicians, the faith community, and member

advocates across the state. Your voice was instrumental in protecting our most vulnerable citizens including the disabled, poor and elderly from this extreme legislation which would have put them at risk of suicide or even involuntary euthanasia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Msgr Donald Essex's Anniversary Mass

The Council leadership request for all Council members and Council Color Corps to join the celebration of MSGR Donald Essex's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at the (Sunday) 7 May 11AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church.. We are calling council members to gather at Mass to honor a council brother knight who has been instrumental in our council's history including our Council Chaplin.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL’S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Mike Townson	Brother Knight
Janie Street	Wife of Brother Knight
Rose Dakie	Wife of Brother Knight
Donna McCurry	Sister of Brother Knight
Joe Krempasky	Grand Knight
Regina Whitman	Wife of Brother Knight
Barbara Mazonkey	Wife of Brother Knight
Innocent D’Almeida	PGK
Cristin Cotten	Sister of Brother Knight
Pat Gauthier	
Sumi Arima	
Pat Herberg	
DECEASED’S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
John E Moore, PGK	3/19/23
Roberta Homick	4/6/23

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

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor




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General Agent's Message - Robert Callaway

Contact Your KofC Field Agent for a Policy
"Spring Cleanup"

Beneficiary Updates: Brothers, it is especially important to review your beneficiaries on a regular basis. There are important reasons for this. Changes in marital status - due to death or divorce. Making the changes as needed will make things so much easier for the family you leave behind. Do not let procrastination prevent your loved ones from receiving the benefits of your life insurance plans. Be careful with any children with special needs. There are two types of beneficiaries, Primary (first in line) and Contingent (second). Most beneficiaries reflect the spouse as primary and "Children of the Marriage Equally" as contingent. We need to be incredibly careful if a special-needs child is involved, as it is possible to jeopardize their Social Security Disability Income, (SSDI) benefits if they receive life insurance or annuity proceeds.

Contingent Ownership Designations for Juvenile Policies: This is incredibly important! A contingent ownership will do just what it says. In the event the primary owner passes away, the ownership will pass to the contingent owner. These are so important that they are now mandatory when we take electronic applications. It takes less than five minutes to create a contingent owner. Without a contingent owner, the policy will become owned by the decedent's estate. Once the policy becomes owned by the decedent's estate, to change the ownership, someone will have to go to the county courthouse and be named as either a representative or executor of the estate depending on whether the estate was probated or not. After having their legal right established as a representative or executor of the estate, they must then sign an Absolute Assignment of Contract over to the new owner and provide their court documentation to the Knights for this assignment to take place. It is more work than a grieving family should have to deal with. If you have juvenile policies without the contingent ownership designation, please contact your field agent so they can correct this situation.

Term Policies Reaching the End of Their Policy Period (Becoming A Yearly Renewable Term): Please keep an eye out for KofC mail! When your term policy is getting ready to renew to a yearly renewable term plan, we send you a notice to indicate that your premium is about to increase substantially. Sometimes people do not read their KofC mail. Our agents will call them before their term period ends to make them aware of the increased premiums. Please pay attention to your KofC mail and please return your field agent telephone calls. When these plans go to a yearly renewable status, the premiums become much larger than what clients are accustomed to. So please read the materials we send to you to avoid paying more than you should.

Allow your field agents to review your policies. You may find that a "Spring Cleanup" is exactly what you need!

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

"WE STICK TOGETHER!"

Website: www.sullivan2861.org

SK Eric J Gregrich, Faithful Navigator



Assembly Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. Fr. Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood MD 20855.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The Fourth Degree Exemplification, the Patriotic Degree will be held at Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish, 1601 W Mt. Harmony Rd, Owings Maryland on June 17, 2023. Candidates are asked to report at 9:30 am with the degree beginning at 11:00AM. The process for candidates is available on the Council website. We have plenty of room and welcome all Brother Knights in good standing in the Third Degree to take this next step and become a "Sir Knight". The Honoree for this degree is Sir Knight Father Joseph Jenkins. There will be a lady's activity.

For more information please contact: Joe Feakes, Master Fourth Degree, Archdiocese of Washington District, Tel: (301) 774-0137, Email: josephfeakes@aol.com.

See Exemplification Trifold saved to our Council website (under "News & Announcements") for logistics details.

https://uknight.org/Councils/c6793_NA_June17_2023%20ExemplificationTrifold.pdf

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

Website: <http://www.mcnamarachapter.com/>

McNamara Chapter President – SK
Roger D Lie



The May Meeting will be hosted by St. Joseph Manyanet Council #5567, Wheaton MD. May's meeting will be the election of officers for the next fraternal year.

The June Meeting will be hosted by Fr Kidd Council #14455

Date: May 17, 2023

Time: 8PM (Dinner at 7PM)

Location: St. Joseph Manyanet Council #5567, Wheaton MD

Date: June 21, 2023

Time: 8PM (Dinner at 7PM)

Location: Fr Kidd Council #14455, at Holy Family Church, Parish Hall, 12010 Woodmore Rd. Mitchellville, MD 20721

SUPREME NEWS

WEBSITE: <http://www.kofc.org>
Source: K of C Supreme Website

Hope That Saves (by Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly)

I WAS RECENTLY talking with a priest who serves as a chaplain at one of the top universities in the United States. I asked him what his Catholic students are



struggling with the most. His response was immediate: anxiety and feelings of low self-esteem. I was bit surprised because these students are among the best and the brightest. But I shouldn't have been. This is a symptom of our age.

Earlier this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that nearly 3 in 5 (57%) teenage girls in the United States felt persistently sad or hopeless, and nearly 1 in 3 (30%) have seriously considered attempting suicide. Both statistics are up nearly 60% from just a decade ago, and it's likely no coincidence that these disturbing trends coincide with the rise of smartphones.

The pressures upon young people are daunting, and they are often intensified by social media: hypersexualization, fashionable ideologies, the temptation to compare oneself to illusory personas projected by peers and "influencers." It's no wonder so many young people struggle with depression and despair as they try to make their way in a culture that has lost its moorings.

Faced with this situation, what can Catholic parents do? Putting aside the question of how parents should regulate the use of smartphones and electronic devices, the most important foundational thing we can do is pass on the beauty of our Catholic faith to our children. It is the most powerful bulwark against the false gospels being pushed on our children. It alone can provide them with the perspective, security and confidence they will need to make sense of the world.

Our faith offers a coherent — and attractive — vision of the human person. It makes clear to our children that they have inherent dignity and are deeply loved by God, who has willed them into existence for a purpose. It establishes that, as members of the Church, they are part of something much larger than themselves — participants in an ancient struggle between good and evil, light and darkness, and surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1). Finally, it reaffirms that victory is possible through Christ, who died for us and calls us to be children of the light (Eph 5:8).

Witnessing to our children the truth of this faith is a tall order for parents, myself included. But it can be done.

Christian Smith, a sociologist at the University of Notre Dame known for his study of adolescent spirituality, has observed four traits in parents who successfully pass on their faith to their children.

First, these parents are genuine and authentic in their practice of the faith. If the faith of the parents is joyful and life-giving for the family, the children will be attracted to it.

Second, they adopt a parenting style that is authoritative but also abundantly affectionate. Children need rules, of course, but they also need personal warmth. This combination helps children embrace faith for the long haul.

Third, they regularly talk to their children about their faith — what they believe, what they do, and why. Discussions about faith need to be a consistent part of our everyday life, not compartmentalized or awkward. Lastly, these parents introduce children to relationships that reinforce their beliefs. Children need to be around friends and other families who take their faith seriously.

None of this is easy, to be sure. But we need to have confidence that the God who brought order out of watery chaos at the beginning of creation (Gen 1:2) can do so again, helping us bring order out of the cultural chaos of our day. Swimming against the current, our children can experience real joy and genuine hope in Christ — and in so doing, become a light to the world.

Vivat Jesus!

To learn more about the Knights, visit:
<http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]

2023 State Convention News

The 125th Annual Convention of the MD State Council, Knights of Columbus will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Annapolis, MD, May 5, 6, & 7, 2023. Details available through the State Council website, (<https://kofc-md.org/md-state-convention-2023>).

State Camping Trip

The State Council is conducting the 2023 Maryland State Camping Weekend June 2nd through 4th at Homestead Campground in Georgetown DE. Details available through the State Council May Newsletter., (<https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/MD-State-Newsletter-May-2023.pdf>)

COUNCIL NEWS

Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery



On Saturday 29 April a special tour was arranged by our GK Joe Krempasky and DGK Fred Taylor for members, spouses and friends of the Council. Lead by Brother Gregory, 11 members got to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and connect to the real people in the pages of Scripture. This tour provided access to features & exhibits not available to regular public tours. Not only did the group get to view the lower levels of the shrine but the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild was conducting their annual Plant & Herb Sale in the beautiful gardens outside. A number of cars making the trip were filled with gifts for the own gardens.



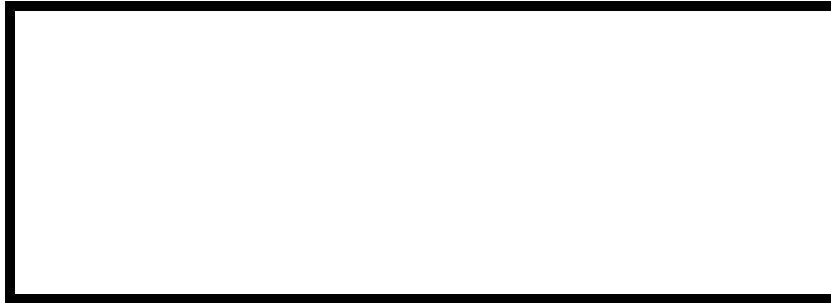
June 2023

Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council #6793

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Officer Mtg 7:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Business Mtg 7:30PM	15	16	17 4th Degree Exemplification
18	19	20	21 Social Mtg 7:30P WMET, J Schuler	22	23	24 Leadership Seminar Chestertown, MD
25	26	27	28 Awards/Pot Luck Dinner 7:00PM	29	30	31

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**May 2023
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Officer Mtg 7:30 PM	4	5 MD State Conv Annapolis MD	6 MD State Conv Annapolis MD
7 MD State Conv Annapolis MD Msgr Essex Anniv Mass 11:00 AM	8	9	10 Business Mtg 7:30PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Social Mtg 7:30PM M. Fields Holy Land Pres	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Mass, Gate of Heaven Cemetery.	30	1	2	3	4

Calendar updates are available at any time by checking the Council website. www.KOFC6793.ORG