

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

ASSOC. CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Linus Nviiri, CSC



God, make me your Minister!

In the last issue beloved brother Knights, I challenged us to the noble call of being men with hope to bring. We are indeed supposed to be men of hope, this is a core value and virtue for every Knight, for you cannot give what you don't have. This virtue of hope grows from our constant relationship with God. In our prayer life, we should never shy away from asking God to help us grow in Faith, love, and hope.

In this issue Brother Knights, allow me to remind and indeed invite each of us to a noble cause: Being a Minister of God, especially to the poor, marginalized, the hopeless, and those who don't know where they are in life. I am writing this reflection having in mind the pain and loss of our brothers and sisters in Maui, Hawaii, and the millions of people all over the globe who because of natural disasters or the selfish interests of leaders are on the verge of giving up in life. For them, all hope is shattered!!! This is sad and painful but also the reality of life! Just watch the news, and read papers...this pain, misery, and selfishness is what we see and read and watch! But ask yourself, what does it mean to be a minister of God? What is my role in all this? Is it not supposed to be for the clergy one might ask? God's power manifests not only in the clergy but in His body, the Body of Christ, the Church! Those who have accepted Baptism and share in the common priesthood by virtue of the sacrament.

Ministering is learning about and attending to others' needs. It is doing the Lord's work. When we minister, we represent Jesus Christ and act as His agents to watch over, lift, and strengthen those around us. When we minister we become His hands and feet! As Knights, we may determine through communication and inspiration the frequency and type of contact we will have with those we minister to. This customized contact will help us minister

effectively and counsel may be monthly, quarterly, or yearly regarding the needs of the individuals and families in our care or when time allows.

We have seen and continue to witness our brother Knights, fighting all odds to bring about a better tomorrow for thousands if not millions of people. Am I, are you part of this great band of ministers of God? Is the Lord using you, your hands, your feet, your resources, and your giftedness to reach out to those in need? If this is the case, thank you for being a faithful minister, if not there is still time and space to answer this invitation and call. **REMEMBER: To be a Knight is TO BE A MAN OF SERVICE! To be a Knight is not a CAREER BUT A VOCATION.** To be a Knight is to empty one's self so that Christ can shine in us. As we continue to learn to be God's ministers, to be Knights, let us ask God for the gift of discernment that the Holy Spirit will help us to be present to those who need us and our service. May Christ reign in our lives!!!

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

David C Czarnecki



Last month we succeeded in developing the Council Calendar. This past month we used that information to generate the Council Fraternal Year Budget, which will be submitted for Council review at our Sept 13 Council meeting. It is a challenging exercise in that the Council must solicit every dollar it spends, and

unlike some Councils which may have significant revenue generating resources, we are challenged with raising our funds incrementally with smaller fund raiser, dinners and raffles. A notable exception being the Tootsie Roll Campaign which is accomplished through the coordination and scheduling of brothers stationed outside the local Beverage store in Downtown Olney.

I bring this up to highlight just how important your financial support and contributions are to the operation of this Council. Last year, without your generosity we would have not been unable to donate \$5,000 to three different charities supporting Persons with Developmental Disabilities, or \$900 for Coats for Kids or \$1,000 for a School Scholarship. Thank you very much. Similar donations are again budgeted for the coming year.

In addition to our charity, one of the fiscal challenges the Council is faced with annually is covering the Operating Cost of the Council. There are general operating costs we need to cover, such as postage, insurance, supplies, and website expenses. Significant obligations are the per-capita fees charged by both the State and Supreme Councils.

Since the local Councils levies and collects annual dues from its members, both State and Supreme Councils tax the local councils to collect a per capita fee in order to cover their own operating costs. Oh by the way, we do get an excellent magazine from Supreme. This per capita fee is based on our membership numbers whether or not members actually paid their dues, the bigger the Council Roster the bigger the tax. These funds must be covered before the Council can make donations to our favorite charities. Note: Honorary members are given special considerations.

I mention this to encourage any delinquent members that aren't paid up on their dues and find some old KofC dues reminders sitting on your desk, now is a good time to get caught up. You can make payments and donations through the Council [website](#) or send your payments directly to the Financial Secretary.

Donations directly to the Council Activity funds are also very helpful; the same payment options are available. Personally, I find that as I am getting older and have less stamina and strength to contribute sweat equity, it is becoming easier to contribute with wallet equity.

Vivat Jesus

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

<http://KofC6793.org>

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Community Activity Dir	Bill Studenic
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Life Activities Dir	Stephen E Goldhammer

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Food for Families Chair	Bob Amato

Tootsie Roll Chairman	James E Street
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Raffle Chairman	Donald M Hemke
Newsletter Editor	David C Czarnecki
Webmaster	John R Feldmann
Fourth Degree	Joe Feakes
District Deputy, 30	Edward Day, PGK

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

The September Family of the Month is Jack and Phyllis Giacalone for their continued overall support of the Council particularly single handedly managing the November State Memorial Mass @ Our Lady of Grace

Knight of the Month

Don Hemke, Financial Secretary. This was a very busy period for our Financial Secretary, not only was he confirming the financial books were in order for the semi-annual Council audit but also provided logistical support during the Installation of Officers, provide day to day support of Council Operations and co-Chair the State Raffle Campaign.

CHURCH NEWS

James Street, Church Activities Chairman

OUR LADY OF GRACE

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

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Ministry Gifts for the Homebound

The group will be called Crafters for the Homebound. A meeting will not be held in the month of July but will return Monday, August 28th, at 1PM at Louise's home. Any questions, please call Louise at 240-558-4720.

Post Cana for widows and widowers

The next meeting of the Post Cana Group for Widows and Widowers will be held in the multipurpose room of the

Our Lady of Grace Parish Center after the 9 am Mass on Monday, August 7th, for coffee and fellowship. A wonderful event is in the making so come join us to find out. We welcome new members. Just show up with a smile. For more information contact Mary Dugan, President of Post Cana, at marydugan12@yahoo.com or 301-873-3902.

Audio System Update - Earphones

The earphones that many use to better hear the services are not compatible with the new sound system. They will no longer work. Please return them. New, better ones with rechargeable batteries will soon be installed. They will be located in the ushers' room.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Catholic Charities Legal Network

Seeking Volunteer Lawyers Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and marginalized residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. The Network relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at 301-615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

Summer In the City Food Drive

Saint Peter's Parish is pleased to be part of the Annual Summer in the City Campaign to support the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation (JSM). JSM conducts the only summer food drive, a time when food insecurity in Washington is at its peak. JSM operates food pantries at Saint Thomas More, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Luke, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Holy Name parishes. Please bring your donation of non-perishable food by the end of the 6 p.m. Mass this Sunday, and place them in the Narthex or at the doors. Donations will be picked up Monday morning. Please limit your donations to the following food items and, please, no glass containers • Canned Tuna or Chick • Dry Cereal (Cheerios, Bran Flake • Soup (Hearty varieties are best.) • Canned Fruit (any kind) • Peanut Butter and Jelly (plastic containers) • Baked Beans (cans)

and Rice (5-pound bags/boxes or small • Pasta Sauce (plastic containers) If you are unable to participate because you will be out of town, monetary donations are greatly appreciated as they are used to purchase perishable items such as fresh produce, milk, eggs, meat, and poultry. You may send your donation directly to Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006 or donate online at JSMFF.org.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



Young Family Ministry

Young Family Ministry meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Come join us for fellowship in the Parish Center gym following the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday August 13th! Snacks will be provided and the playground will be available for our use (weather permitting). Contact Alyssa Riedy, riedy5215@gmail.com ; Krystyna Olmstead olmstead.kh@gmail.com; or Patrick Ward patward8@gmail.com.

Poor Box

This week's Poor Box donations will benefit Our House, a local foster center where young teens are placed by court due to parental neglect or abandonment. The residents are taught a trade which will enable them to support themselves upon release. Our House is located in Brookeville, MD. The center relies solely on donations for support.

Next week's Poor Box donations will benefit Support Our Aging Religious, Inc. (SOAR!), a non-profit organization which provides grants to help financially distressed Catholic religious congregations in the United States in the care of their elderly and infirm members. Through the generosity of its donors, SOAR! helps ensure the safety, comfort and dignity of our aging religious.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Street, Church Activities Director

Welcome to our newest member: Henry (Hank) J. Weiss joined via the Supreme E-member portal as well leveraging the on-line Exemplification. A Retired Engineer, Hank lives in Leisure World and member of OLG community. Hank is a friend of former Brother Ed Schaffer.

FAITH ACTIVITES

John Feldmann, Faith Programs Director

Did you ever wonder how did the Church determine that September 8 is the birthday of our Blessed Mother?

Usually, the Church assigns dates for particular feasts. The assignments can be based on the date of a saint's death, a date that has special meaning in the saint's life, or some other meaningful date. In the case of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, September 8 is the date that follows nine months after December 8, on which date the Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Source of information above:

<https://www.catholic.com/qa/how-did-the-church-determine-that-september-8-is-the-birthday-of-our-blessed-mother>

Future Events

Upcoming Faith activities for 2023 include our Annual Council Memorial Mass, and hopefully, we'll be Christmas Caroling again at Montgomery General Hospital in December. Additional information will become available once the Council can confirm this event with the hospital.

The Council has 21 boxes of Christmas cards available for immediate purchase. Each sealed box has 12 cards and 12 envelopes. The price of a box is \$10.00. We also have Keep Christ in Christmas magnets available for sale. The colored magnet is \$5.00 each, and the black and white is \$4.00 each.

Along these same lines, the Council will be taking orders for additional Christmas cards to become available to purchase. Pricing is unavailable at the moment, but you can view the cards to choose from and how many boxes you would like to order once pricing is known.

To view the file of cards, copy the following link and paste it into your browser:

<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/CouncilNews.asp?CNO=6793>

To purchase and or order cards, please send an email to John Feldmann at jjf3353@comcaast.net

FAMILY ACTIVITES

Joseph F Krempasky, Family Programs Director

Spaghetti Dinner

Joe Krempasky – Event Chairmen

Currently, our council is scheduled to conduct a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, September 23rd, at Our Lady of Grace, from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm (workers arrive at 4:00 pm).

The menu will include: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, drinks, and desert. The suggested donation is \$8.00.

It is understood that some Knights will be performing Tootsie Roll collections at this time, and will not be able to help serve, but we have always had adequate support. Requests for help will be forthcoming.

Future Events

It is planned that our October event will be the Inwood House Halloween Party. The two November events will be the Turkey Dinner and Fiddler of the Roof at Olney Theater (more to come).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bill Studenic, Community Activities Director



Installation of Officers

Our 2023 Council Installation of Officers was held on Sunday August 6th following the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace church. Over 50 brothers and family members attended the dinner reception which followed in the OLG Parish Center.

Tootsie Roll Campaign

James Street, Bob Amato– Event Chairmen

We thank you for your great response to volunteer supporting previous years of KofC Tootsie Rolls! We again need your help collecting donations in front of the Olney Liquor Store on all five (5) weekends in SEP. (Fri-Sat-Sun). Additionally, we will also be collecting at our Lady of Grace Church following all three Masses on the weekend of October 7-8th. You may also donate to the Tootsie Roll Campaign on our Council website in the Member's Only Section.

This annual event is the way we support three local charities that do outstanding work with children with Developmental Disabilities. Remember, the Knights are known nationwide for this Program. Prior experience IS NOT REQUIRED. You might even consider bringing other younger family members to help give out the Tootsie Rolls!

Also this year, we have 3 brother knights who want to volunteer, but live in Leisure World and need transportation assistance to make this happen. How about this FOR YOU TO ASSIST A BROTHER KNIGHT! Give it some thought!

Please contact Jim Street to volunteer or answer questions (301-717-2667 / streetjamese@aol.com)

Food for Families Program

Bob Amato– Event Chairman

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.

28 lbs. of various food items were transported to St. Patrick's parking lot on Aug.20th from our council for St. Martin's food pantry. Contact Bob for further details; 301-774-6473. Cell 301-385 1017

State Incentive Raffle

Don Hemke, Joe Krempasky– Event Chairmen

The Maryland State Council Cash Incentive Raffle is underway. This is an important opportunity for our council to raise funds for our council activities. Tickets cost \$1.00 each. The Prizes (no car this year!) are: Grand Prize-\$5,000.00 cash; Second Prize-\$3,000.00 cash; and Third Prize-\$2,000.00 cash. Drawing will be held on October 7th at the Columbus Day Ball.

Our council will be selling tickets before and after all three Masses at Our Lady of Grace Church on the weekends of Sept. 9-10 and 16-17. (Masses at 4PM Sat and 9AM and 11AM on Sunday) You can also enter the raffle on our council website using the "Donation Button" and your credit/debit card. Just provide name & phone number and we will complete & enter your tickets.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS (NOW) - TIME IS SHORT. Don Hemke (301)919-4470 and Joe Krempasky (301)717-4462 are co-chairmen for this Raffle. Please Contact either one to volunteer for one or more Masses!!

Annual Inwood House Halloween Party

The Annual Halloween Party for the residents at the Inwood House is tentatively scheduled for October 27th. I am currently looking for a Co-Chairman to assist me with this event. We will need around 10-12 Council Members to assist with decorations, cooking Spaghetti and making Salad, assisting in many other ways. Additional information will follow next month as plans are finalized.

Coats for Kids Program

Our Council will be purchasing 4 sets of youth boys and girls coats through Supreme Council and donating to St. Patrick's and St. Peter's parishes for distribution.

Box of Joy Program

Chairman GK Dave has secured 25 boxes which are to be filled with inexpensive toys, etc. to be donated to needy boys/girls outside the country who won't receive any other Christmas gifts. Council members may pick up a box at this month's Council Meeting. Boxes should be returned in October along with a check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of shipping.

LIFE ACTIVITES

Steve Goldhammer Life Programs Director

Commemorating the March on Washington

The 60th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington was August 28. It was an opportunity to learn how many local Catholics participated in and supported this historic event for racial justice.

Then-Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle gave the invocation, while Catholic organizations, and local parishes and individuals, provided hospitality, housing, and other support or attended.

Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, wrote in his Catholic Standard column that those who participated in 1963 "have important stories to impart – not simply as witnesses to history but by recalling the enthusiasm and the hope that dominated that wondrous event. We should listen to them and take courage in their voices. Today's young people, in a special way, need to recapture the hope that was electric during the March on Washington in 1963. Theirs will be the challenge of working to achieve what remains incomplete from the words of Dr. King."

In Baltimore, Archbishop William E. Lori released a letter on the Aug. 28 anniversary, writing in part, "A continued conversion of heart is required. For guidance, we should turn to our Catholic social teaching that is rooted in the dignity of the human person. The peaceful and compassionate society Dr. King envisioned requires God's grace and our firm commitment to teach, learn and practice nonviolent action for social change."

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center

On Thursday, 26 October at 6:30 P. M., the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is having its 40th Annual Benefit Banquet at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. There will be a gourmet dinner and dessert, games, and an inspiring message from the keynote speaker, Abby Johnson. Cost is \$75 per person. Please RSVP to SK Steve Goldhammer at 301 570-9613 **by 15 September**. Make check payable to *Shady Grove Pregnancy Center*. We will be sitting at a table sponsored by our Worthy District Deputy, Ed Day.

Sign the Petition Alert

Maryland Right to Life is working with pro-life coalition allies and National Right to Life leadership to prepare for our greatest battle here in Maryland. The so called "Reproductive Freedom" Amendment or Abortion Amendment will be on the ballot November, 2024. If passed, this constitutional amendment will enshrine a legal right to abortion through birth in Maryland. This would make it impossible to put into place any legislative restrictions in the future and will most assuredly have a chilling effect on the future of pregnancy centers that do so much for women and children in crisis.

We are sounding the alarm! Now, more than ever, we need your help. Go to mdrtl@mdrtl.org or

www.MDRTL.org for more info and to sign the petition.

Did you know? The State of Maryland paid for 9,864 publicly-funded abortions in 2020. Nearly 98% were because pregnancy was “creating a serious effect on the woman’s mental health,” according to the data. None were performed to save the life of a mother and fewer than 10 were reported as being due to rape, incest or sexual offense.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL’S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
M. Dolores Creel	Brother Knight Spouse
Ron Switzer	
Gene McMahon	Brother Knight
Rose Daku	
Rob Holt	
Cristin Cotten	Sibling of Brother Knight
Bob Broughton	Brother Knight
Bill Studenick	Brother Knight
Bob & Barbara Mazonkey	Brother Knight & Spouse
Innocent & Donna D’Almieda	Brother Knight & Spouse
Melissa Bedoya	
Stephen Robertson	Brother Knight
Robert McHale	Brother Knight
Regina Whitman	
James Sutkowski	Son of Brother Knight
DECEASED’S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Joseph Feldmann	07/12/23
Alba Delgado	08/06/23
Charles Berry	08/07/23

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

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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“Let Me Think About It”

When we visit with our Brother Knights and their families, we review their policies, update their financial information, and perform a current needs assessment.

During our information gathering phase, we ask financial questions to the member and his spouse regarding their current assets to determine what might be available to a survivor if one were to predecease the other. We review the information they provided so they are aware of their financial position. Once the assessment is complete, the agent may make a recommendation to consider additional protection for the family if necessary.

At times, people will either agree or disagree, a yes or no response. Other times a response is neither positive nor negative, but a middle of the road “Let me think about it” response. I always like to ask the member, how about while you are thinking about us, let us think about you? I ask this is because when a client puts down an earnest deposit at the time of the application signing, a temporary insurance agreement is in force for the insurance amount applied for or \$300,000 whichever is less. The temporary insurance agreement is in case there is a delay before the policy is issued. We will cover the potential insured for the amounts stated.

If the applicant dies before the policy is issued, their family will still have protection. If the underwriting process determines that a higher premium will be necessary based on the applicant’s health, an amendment will be necessary. The applicant could elect to pay the higher premium, or they could elect to leave the premium at the amount originally applied for and reduce the coverage amount. Either way the client is the one making the decision. If the policy is issued exactly as applied for, there is still a 10-day free look period after receiving the policy allowing the member to elect not to take the policy and have his money refunded.

If your needs analysis with your financial input is completed, and you agree that your family could use additional coverage, while understanding in a worst-case scenario, you can request to have your money refunded. Doesn’t it make sense to provide an earnest deposit? While you are thinking about us, we could be thinking about you to determine if you are insurable and the additional protection your family needs will have been issued much sooner as a result.

Vivat Jesus

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

“WE STICK TOGETHER!”

Website: www.sullivan2861.org

SK Danilo C Orino, Faithful Navigator



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

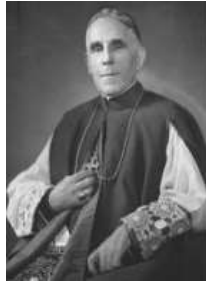
No Report this month.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

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

McNamara Chapter President – SK Terry Reinhart



The September Meeting will be hosted by John F. Kennedy Council # 5482.

Date: September 20, 2023

Time: 8PM (Dinner at 7PM)

Location: John F. Kennedy Council # 5482, 16403 Livingston Rd, Accokeek MD

SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

Faith-Centered Friendship

(by Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly)

Among the highlights of the 141st Supreme Convention last month in Orlando, Florida, was the papal message, in which the greetings of Pope Francis were



conveyed in an official letter from the Vatican secretary of state. The message was important for many reasons.

I was especially struck that the message singled out our efforts to accompany Catholic men in their vocations: “His Holiness appreciates initiatives of your Order, such as Cor, which enable Catholic men to build a deeper

relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity.”

Why would the Holy Father’s attention be drawn to this initiative? Because, as his message explains, Cor is “all the more necessary today amid the distractions of everyday life and a culture frequently indifferent to the reality of faith.” Quite simply, the Knights are taking up Cor because we are reading “the signs of the times.” Our world and our Church desperately need men who are willing to embrace their vocation as Christians, husbands and fathers. And there is no better way to make this happen than to bring men together with a focus on prayer, formation and fraternity. The goal of Cor is straightforward: to bring men

into the abundant life to which Christ has called them.

After a successful pilot program in 21 jurisdictions, we are starting to roll Cor out to the entire Order. Last month, we released a Bible study called Men of the Word, designed to help Catholic men pray with Scripture. And soon we will be releasing a video series on marriage, family and fatherhood.

These resources are important for Cor, but perhaps our most important resource is one another — the men who come together to deepen their faith during Cor gatherings. The third pillar of Cor is fraternity, or friendship, and this is its ultimate resource: Our brotherhood in Christ is the glue that will hold it all together.

Cor gives men a place to come together as brothers for spiritual conversations in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Nothing is more powerful than prayer and faith formation in the context of Christian friendship. When I look back at my own life, I realize that little has been more important to my own spiritual growth than the support and encouragement of trusted friends. These friendships help bring light and truth — God himself. As the spiritual writer Venerable Tomás Morales put it: “Friendship holds the secret of the apostolic potential of a Christian.”

Cor will give us the opportunity to grow closer in friendship to one another, but also, crucially, to Christ himself. The papal message noted that the real goal of Cor is to build “a strong and vital relationship with our Lord [which] not only leads to personal sanctification, but is also essential for the healthy development of family life.” This friendship with Christ is the pearl of great price (Mt 13:44). It is the secret to authentic happiness.

Cor doesn’t replace anything we do. Instead, it will enhance everything we do, including our most fundamental mission. Father McGivney founded the Order in 1882 to strengthen the faith of Catholic men and their families. Cor is deeply connected to this founding vision.

A recent study showed that fewer than 10% of Catholic millennials in the United States actively practice their faith today. This crisis has touched nearly every Catholic family. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Cor will help men deepen their faith so they can pass it on more effectively to their children and grandchildren.

We live in a time when men are hungry to live a life of meaning and mission in Jesus Christ, a time when our wives and families desperately need us to embrace our vocation as Christian husbands, fathers and leaders. Our time has come to step boldly into that breach.

Vivat Jesus!

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

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**September 2023
Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council #6793**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney	2 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 Officers Mtg 7:30 PM	7	8 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney	9 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney State Raffle Ticket Sales after 4:00 PM Mass, OLG
10 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney State Raffle Ticket Sales after 9:00 & 11:00AM Mass, OLG	11	12	13 Business Mtg 7:30PM	14	15 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney	16 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney State Raffle Ticket Sales after 4:00 PM Mass, OLG
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24 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney	25	26	27_Social Mtg 7:30PM	28	29 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney	30 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Olney

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