

# Father Maher's Knightly News

## FR. PETER PAUL MAHER COUNCIL 6793 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Eugene Kane



Greetings to my Fellow Brothers as we conclude the Fraternal Year 2023 – 2024 I pray that each of you have enjoyed and found meaningful our Easter and Pentecost experiences. While we start the summer season and vacations with families, our responsibilities and efforts continue personally and for the

Council. Please join us for the final social meeting of our Council on June 26, 2024. Will be fun and we will have the opportunity to acknowledge of fellow Council members and their families for the hard work during the year.

We were successful in a membership drive with TMIY in April. We had many program successes. We learned much about ourselves and the challenges of leadership. I am humbled by the quality and efforts of our Council leaders.

This Year has been "interesting" to say the least. We have experienced many challenges but we marshalled our wisdom and efforts to continue with the many goals and objectives of our Council. More of our programs that were postponed due to COVID for several years were returned to "active" status. We have the proposed leadership identified in the Newsletter. Please keep these fine gentlemen in your prayers we prepare for the New Fraternal Year of 2024 – 2025.

As we watch the "political events" unfolding, we are fully aware that we most definitely live in challenging times. These challenges reinforce our responsibilities and need for "authentic male leadership" in our society. More than ever we need Hope and the only satisfactory way to acquire lost hope is seeking our Faith and following the maritime navigational maps of life which God has outlined in his guidance. More than ever, we Knights can be the messengers of Hope and Faith which come to us from God's Love. Again, please pray for the World to see that it cannot achieve true Hope and Joy without God. I beseech you individually to pray daily to the Holy Family for guidance to all so we can bring back our promised Hope and Joy.

### COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

[HTTP://KOFc6793.ORG](http://kofc6793.org)

#### OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Reverend James D Boccabella
Associate Chaplain	Rev Linus Nviiri
Grand Knight	Eugene Kane
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Perez
Chancellor	
Warden	Donald Creel
Recorder	Christopher Romano
Financial Secretary	Donald M Hemke
Treasurer	Christopher Schneider
Advocate	Frederick L Whitman
Lecturer	Jack Giacalone
Inside Guard	Paul M Boccabella
Outside Guard	Robert Amato
Trustee One Year	Walter (Fred) Taylor, PGK
Trustee Two Year	Martin G Peschke, PGK
Trustee Three Year	Joseph F. Krempasky, PGK

#### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:

Program Director	Stephen P Sutkowski
Faith Activities Dir.	
Community Activity Dir	Bill Studenic
Family Activities Dir	
Life Activities Dir	Stephen E Goldhammer

Membership Chairman	James E Street
Retention Chairman	Eugene Kane
Food for Families Chair	Bob Amato
Tootsie Roll Chairman	James E Street
Pro-Life Couple	Stephen & Marilyn Goldhammer
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. Council 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 June Family of the Month is Walter & Juliana McKee.

**Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month is Joseph F. Krempasky, PGK.

**CHURCH NEWS**

James Street, Church Activities Chairman

**OUR LADY OF GRACE**

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



**ARIMATHEANS**

Our Lady of Grace Parish Needs Volunteers to Serve ARIMATHEANS. Our Lady of Grace Parish needs Volunteers to Serve as Arimatheans. The Arimatheans assists the Celebrant at all funeral Masses. A team consists of an Altar Server, Funeral Hospitality Minister, the Cross Bearer, Candle Bearers, and a Thurifer. The team may also require an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a Reader. Funeral Masses are usually scheduled during the week around 11:00 a.m. and take about an hour and one half of your time. For further information please call Lorin Beehler (240)560-7960.

**The Washington Archdiocese Post Cana for Widows and Widowers group**

Fellowship, will recess until Monday, August 5. June and July meetings will be an informal gathering at Leisure World Clubhouse I for lunch on the lanai. We will sign up through email. If you are interested in joining us this summer as a new Post Cana member, President Mary Dugan at marydugan12@yahoo.com or: (301) 873-3902.

**ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**Youth Ministry**

Support our Camp... We are looking for financial and spiritual support for our camp this summer. Please consider partnering with Petey! We are bringing our mission right here to Saint Peter's ministering to our community and building saints for the. Any donation helps! Please also pray for us! To make a tax-deductible



gift, go to [www.stpetersolney.org/youth-ministry](http://www.stpetersolney.org/youth-ministry) or use the QR code below. EDGE Camp What: Day camp for rising 7th and 8th grade students of Saint Peter's Parish on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Theme "Where did I see you thirsty?" When: July 15-19, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: The cost is \$350.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

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



**Archdiocese Ordination**

On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> there will be 16 men of the Archdiocese of Washington to be ordained to the priesthood. Two of these men are parishioners of Saint Patrick Church, Deacon Benedict Radich and Deacon James Fangmeyer, Jr. Congratulations.

**St. Patrick's Leisure Club**

St. Patrick's Leisure Club will have its last meeting before our summer break on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Grace Church. Mass will be celebrated by Father Early at 11:00 AM followed by the Rosary. The social time including the luncheon will follow afterwards.

**Post Cana Memorial Mass**

Post Cana Anniversary Memorial Mass: 11.30 A.M. Sunday June 9: Since its beginning in 1960, the Washington Archdiocese of Post Cana for widows and widowers has held an Anniversary Mass for their loved ones at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington with Father Mark Hughes.

We will sit together in the front of church and sign the names of our spouses in a Memorial Book. Afterwards walk over to the parish hall for an assortment of catered sandwiches from the Fresh Market in Rockville.

## COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Call for Nominations

Steve Sutkowski, Chairman

We are calling for nominations for the 2024/2025 fraternal year elected officers. You can nominate yourself or anyone else, and you can nominate for open positions or one that already has a nominee. The election for officers will be held at our council business meeting on June 12. The current slate of officers and nominees is as follows:

Grand Knight:	Eugene Kane
Deputy Grand Knight:	Mark Perez
Chancellor:	<i>Open</i>
Warden:	Robert Amato
Recorder:	Chris Romano
Treasurer:	Christopher Schneider
Advocate:	Steve Sutkowski, PGK
3-year Trustee:	Fred Taylor, PGK
2-year Trustee:	Joe Krempasky, PGK
1-year Trustee:	Martin Peschke, PGK
Inside Guard:	Paul Boccabella
Outside Guard:	<i>Open</i>
Convention Delegate:	Grand Knight, Eugene Kane
Alternate Convention Delegate:	<i>Open</i>
Alternate Convention Delegate:	<i>Open</i>

If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Steve Sutkowski (Committee Chair) at [ssutk9208@aol.com](mailto:ssutk9208@aol.com), Jack Giacalone at [jgiacal@gmail.com](mailto:jgiacal@gmail.com) or Mark Perez at [doublegum@yahoo.com](mailto:doublegum@yahoo.com). Many thanks.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Bill Studenic, Community Activities Director**

### 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.

Last month, 29.2 lbs. of food and 11 quarts of Kirkland coconut water were delivered to St. Patrick's for delivery to St. Martin's food pantry on May 19 for the Family Food Drive. Thanks to all Knights for your participation. Bob Amato 301 385 1017.

### Memorial Day – Gate of Heaven

Joseph Krempasky – Event Chairman

Our Council assisted with parking cars for the annual Memorial Day mass held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on May 27th. Joe Krempasky coordinated the endeavor with the assistance GK Gene Kane, Martin Peschke, Bill Studenic, Andy Colliton, and Steve Goldhammer.



### Fr. Kalita Reception

Joseph Krempasky – Event Chairman

The council participated in a parish celebration of Father Kalita's 30th anniversary at St. Peter's and the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest! The celebration was AFTER the 5PM Mass on 18 May 24 in the Parish Hall at 6-8PM.



### Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing Event

The Tri Chapter K of C is sponsoring a food packing event on Saturday July 27 from 8:00AM to Noon at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave., Nottingham MD. More info to follow in next month's newsletter.

### Tootsie Roll Campaign

The Tootsie Roll Campaign will be chaired again this year by Jim Street. Our weekend solicitations will be held each weekend in September. Please help Jim fill out his Schedule of tours so we can hold a successful campaign again this year. Contact Event Chairman with any questions at (301) 717-2667.

### Maryland State Council Cash Incentive Raffle

The 55th Annual Cash Incentive Raffle sponsored by the Maryland State Council should be starting up soon. This is an important opportunity for our council to raise funds for our activities. Drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball.



Further information to be forthcoming soon.

**LIFE ACTIVITES**

**Steve Goldhammer Life Programs Director**

**Maryland Passes 'Safe Haven' Bill'**

On April 25, Governor Moore signed into law SB873, the Safe Haven Bill, which significantly strengthens Maryland's measures to protect the most vulnerable among us—our newborns and their mothers in crisis. This newly enacted law allows mothers up to 60 days to safely relinquish their newborns at designated facilities, including hospitals, police departments, and now, fire departments. Additionally, Maryland joins a group of proactive states incorporating baby box devices to ensure anonymity and accessibility, making our state the 19th in the nation to do so. Safe Haven Laws are vital, bipartisan initiatives that have already saved 4,718 newborns across the country.

**Gabriel Project Cluster**

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. Mother's Day is only a few weeks away. This is a great time to support our client moms and their families who have said yes to life. Diapers, as well as new or gently used clothing, are greatly appreciated, or go to our Website, [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org). Click on our Amazon wishlist and choose from any number of items. They continue to need women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends. They don't want to turn away any pregnant mother who is needing help. Please pray about joining their team of over 90 Angel Friends who stay in touch with client mothers during their pregnancies. They especially need bi-lingual women to serve as Angel Friends. They also need male volunteers to perform various tasks including delivering and assembling cribs and other baby items. Questions? Contact Natalie Ray at [natalieanneray@gmail.com](mailto:natalieanneray@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Pot-Luck Dinner & Awards**

Donald Hemke

The Council's end of fraternal year POTLUCK DINNER is scheduled for Wednesday (26 JUNE) at 6 PM at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center. The council is providing Tossed-Salad, Desert, and drinks (including Beer & Wine)!

We are asking you to bring an entree or side-dish any time after 530PM for setup on the dinner table. Awards and Spring Raffle drawings to follow. Bring the entire family.....you can't beat the price! See the June 8<sup>th</sup> email announcement for details.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.**

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Regina Whitman	Brother's spouse
Gary Street	Sibling of Brother Knight
Jim Street	Brother Knight
Betty King	Widow of Brother Knight
John Hartinger	Brother Knight
Keith Bielanski	Nephew of Brother Knight
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
N/A	N/A

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

**FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT**

**Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor**



**General Agent's Message - Robert S. Marlowe Jr**

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**Fraternal Benefits – Let's finish the Fraternal year strong!**

Worthy State, District and Council leaders – we have an opportunity to earn Circle of Honor for the Maryland State Council, many Star District awards, and even more Star Council awards.

In many cases the only thing holding up these well-deserved awards is the two Fraternal Benefit Night requirement. Know that the Callaway and Marlowe Agencies are committed to finding a way to get you two FBNs, but we need your help to pave the way.

Bob Callaway and I have asked our men to gear up to do in person FBNs to help you get the insurance requirement and earn the Founder's Award. There isn't much time...but there is enough time if we work together.

Please work with your council agent to find dates on your calendar for these in-person FBNs. We have presentations that take anywhere from 15 minutes up to 45 minutes. The best attended events are always at council meetings. We could do this at the beginning or end of the meeting. More importantly, we have found that these events are meaningful with good information to help our families with their financial situations.

You can reach out directly to your council agent or directly to Bob or me. Let's find a way to get this done.

Fraternally,  
Bob Marlowe Jr. FICF, CLU, LUTCF

**FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

**SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861**

**“WE STICK TOGETHER!”**

Website: [www.sullivan2861.org](http://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.

**CHAPTER NEWS**

**Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963**

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

**McNamara Chapter President – SK Terry Reinhart**



The June Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, at Dr. John Henry Griffin Council #2293, at St Mary's Church School Hall, 13715 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown, MD. 20617, at 8 PM. Food and beverages at 7 PM.. Speaker MD Special Olympic rep., Jason Schrimi.

**SUPREME NEWS**

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

Source: **K of C Supreme Website**

**Meekness, Not Weakness**

(by Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly)



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a centuries-long devotion which celebrates Christ's love for humanity. The Sacred Heart has deep meaning for all of us and special significance for the vocation of husbands and fathers.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves" (11:29). This passage tells us much about Christ's heart, but here I would like to focus on his self-description as meek — and how the virtue of meekness, contrary to popular belief, is a masculine virtue.

Meekness is a commonly misunderstood virtue. If we think of it as timidity or passivity, we miss the mark. The

word in Scripture is often translated as gentleness, which is much closer, but even that doesn't quite capture its full meaning.

Meekness is not weakness. Quite the opposite; it is a sign of greatness — and of real strength. It's the virtue that allows a person to apply one's strength in the right way. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, meekness "moderates anger according to right reason" (Summa Theologica II-II, q. 157). Meekness comes into play most when we are under pressure or feel threatened. It can be seen in how we react during moments of conflict. Meekness gives us a self-possession that helps us control our anger, so that we do not make matters worse or, more importantly, hurt those we love.

Anger is certainly a normal part of life, including family life. And anger can often be justified. But it's a passion that, if left unchecked, can inflict great damage. It can destroy human relationships and create divisions among spouses, parents and children that can last for years, even generations.

Meekness, on the other hand, is a unifying virtue. "The meek," according to Pope Francis, "are those who know how to control themselves, who leave space for others, who listen to them and respect their needs and their requests. They do not intend to overwhelm or diminish the other, they do not want to tower over or dominate everything, nor impose their ideas or their own interests to the detriment of others" (Angelus address, Nov. 1, 2020).

Meekness is an essential virtue for Knights of Columbus and for all husbands and fathers. It is the virtue that allows us to master our passions and exercise authority in such a way that helps our families flourish. When correcting our children, we need to choose our words carefully, recognizing their unique vulnerabilities while also reminding them of their God-given dignity. This is important because our children's perception of God will be shaped largely by their interactions with us.

Meekness is also important in marriage. It helps a husband and wife keep the channels of communication open as we give and receive constructive criticism. We will learn much from our spouse if we can keep a cool temper and listen with an open mind to the truth of what the other has to say.

Finally, meekness helps us put up with the failings of others. "If we are constantly upset and impatient with others," Pope Francis explains, "we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining" (Gaudete et Exsultate, 72).

A meek husband is a strong husband, just as meek father is a strong father. In treating others with meekness, we imitate the Sacred Heart of Jesus — and we confirm in our wife and our children their most fundamental identity, that they are loved by God.

Vivat Jesus!

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Officer Mtg 7:30 PM	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Business Mtg 7:30PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26 Social Mtg Awards/Pot Luck Dinner -6:00PM, OLG Parish Center	27	28	29

Calendar updates are available at any time by checking the Council website. [www.KOFC6793.ORG](http://www.KOFC6793.ORG)