

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



Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted... For each man will have to bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will

from the Spirit reap eternal life. So then, as we have an opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal 1:1, 5-10)

Dear brother knights, it is been a while since I wrote a reflection for our magazine. A lot has happened! We have gone through a transition of leadership, some of our members have passed on, for others, their health has either improved or is still a challenge, and others have added a year while with joy our council continues to support young men who have the desire to serve the Lord. We can't thank God enough for the men and women who sacrificed their blood for this great nation. For those who have gone on, and those living...**THANK YOU! WE HOLD YOU CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS.** In all, we give thanks to God for it's the will of God in Christ Jesus for each one of us. Thank you to everyone for your continued commitment, availability when called upon, and prayers for our council and the knights at large.

The million-dollar question for each one of us the answer is: What are you harvesting or what have you harvested from the past council year? What are you, am I sowing for this new council year? Are we proud of our harvest? What kind of fruit(s) as a council have we harvested? Remember, you reap what you sow. Are we sowing to the flesh or we are sowing to the Spirit? There is no third alternative. Which realm is your treasure buried?

To borrow from Ray Pritchard: "Every word we speak, every step we take, every chance conversation, even the tiniest decision leads us in one direction or the other. This includes what we read, who we talk to, what we watch on TV, what we listen to on the radio, and where we surf on the Internet. It touches our habits, our leisure time, our secret dreams, the friends we hang out with, the places we go on vacation, the way we treat our co-workers (neighbors), our prayer life, our time in the Word, our giving to the Lord's work, our willingness to help others, the way we discipline our children, and our willingness to share Christ with the lost...you can add on the list. Life is a series of choices every day, and every choice is sowing a seed into the Flesh field or sowing a seed into the Spirit field."

Whatever you sow, you reap. As a Knight, you are going to reap only what you sow every day...Sow with the Holy Spirit as your guide. We got all that we need for the right harvest...use them! Scripture, the sacraments, personal prayer, spiritual readings... So make sure you are sowing your seeds in the right field if you want to reap a harvest of God's blessings.

Blessings and Happy July 4th!

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Eugene Kane



We are finishing out the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. It has been an interesting year. Thank you for the privilege to serve you as your Grand Knight. As is often the case, the hardest jobs are the most enjoyable and productive tasks. We conducted a number of fantastic Faith In Action Programs this year in the all-important areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. Each of you contributed to our Council's accomplishments and you each deserve credit to the successes of our Council. While the society we live in these days continues to experience lack of moral compass issues and complete disunity, we the Knights of Columbus have and will continue to provide true leadership in a manner consistent with God's Plan and his Bride, the Catholic Church. We have remained true to Jesus's teachings in the Gospels and the leadership of Church. As

you look around in our society, we quickly appreciate our efforts and accomplishments are no small outcome. Just as the Church is not a static entity with a historic or dated mission, our Council and the Knights of Columbus in a larger view is alive and keeping itself current with providing guidance to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Many members of our Council were directly involved in our accomplishments as we honored their efforts at the Council Awards Dinner on June 26, 2024

We look forward to a new Fraternal Year and are underway in developing programs that meet our continuing responsibilities to our Council, Parishes and Community. We will be reaching out for your help over the next few weeks. Please discern carefully the opportunities for leadership in the many fine programs in our Council. *

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

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OFFICERS:

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

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Program Director	Stephen P Sutkowski
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Community Activity Dir	Bill Studenic
Family Activities Dir	
Life Activities Dir	

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Retention Chairman	
Food for Families Chair	Bob Amato
Tootsie Roll Chairman	James E Street
Pro-Life Couple	
Sweepstake Chairman	Donald M Hemke
Newsletter Editor	David C Czarnecki
Webmaster	John R Feldmann
Fourth Degree	Joe Feakes
District Deputy, 30	Yen Le, 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.

CHURCH NEWS

James Street, Church Activities Chairman

OUR LADY OF GRACE

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

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



POST CANA FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Our Lady of Grace Post Cana invites current and prospective members to gather for lunch on the Lanai overlooking the golf course at Clubhouse I on Monday, July 15th, at 11:30. Contact Mary Dugan at email marydugan12@yahoo.com if you plan to join us.

Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and 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 to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

Bingo!

Please join us for bingo on the first Friday of each month in the parish center at 1:00 p.m. The next Bingo is August 2. Doors open for Bingo at 12:30 p.m. Cash prizes! Cost is \$5.00 for 6 cards/10 games. Guaranteed fun. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to Rosaria Communities.

Donut Sunday

Please join us on July 14th for coffee and donuts in the parish center after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. Coffee Fellowship after Morning Mass on Friday — Our next coffee is on Friday, July 19th in the parish center after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Gabriel Project

Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Women volunteers are urgently needed to assist struggling pregnant mothers. This assistance includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or e-mail during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items, such as diapers, baby clothes, formula, etc., which are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment is 30 minutes or less per week. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Join our more than 190 volunteer team members who make it possible to help more than 370 needy moms. Please visit our Web site at www.gpmoco.org for more information

To Support SOME

During this period leading up to the completion of the SOME kitchen renovation, we will continue to follow the requests of SOME (So Others Might Eat) to accommodate its limited distribution area: Please only donate small water bottles, even if it means you give fewer in number. It is a space issue during the meal distribution. • Please provide individually wrapped snacks, like cookies, crackers, oatmeal pies, Rice Krispies treats, or Welch's fruit snacks. If you can supply any of these items, please bring them to the parking lot opposite the Parish Hall Kitchen this Tuesday, July 2, 2024, from 8–8:30 a.m. 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 July 2, you may contact either Mark Perez or the Office of Social Concerns at 301-774-0162 to make arrangements.

In Support of Our Camp

We are looking for financial and spiritual support for our summer camp. 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 future. Any donation helps! To make a tax-deductible gift to SPSP, please visit www.stpetersolney.org/youth-ministry. Please also pray for us!

Youth Ministries

Beach Day, Saturday July 13th (8am-9pm) 9th-12

grade Spend a day in the sun At Rehoboth Beach Delaware \$35/person bus, money for food, activities, and shopping www.stpetersolney.org/spy

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



Saint Patrick's Church

Dear Faithful Families of St. Patrick, Great News! Thank you for your contributions! With your help, we're making significant strides towards reaching our capital campaign goal. Your support is truly appreciated and brings us one step closer to achieving our goal! Collected: Total \$2,080,859 - 94% of Goal Funded; Last Week \$11,992 Still Needed: \$119,140.

Retreat Center

Spend time in personal reflection. Registration is required. Cost: \$159 per person (Early-Bird Rate). Miracles Happen Here! Experience the Week-Long Spiritual Exercises this summer! For Women: July 8 – 15; For Lay Men: July 23 – 28; For Priests: July 23 – 31. The Week-Long Spiritual Exercises are for those well familiar with mental prayer, silence, and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This format allows more time for personal prayer. With longer periods of silence, you are challenged to stretch your soul, thus engaging in deeper intimacy with God. A trained spiritual director will be before the daily colloquy to help you detect and understand the movements of the Holy Spirit in your soul. Cost: \$675 per person for the lay retreats; \$975 for the priest retreat. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare.

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide apostolic organization founded by "The servant of God. Frank Duff founded this organization in Dublin, Ireland to help the pastors of several Catholic parishes to reach out to their parishioners who are sick, homebound, in nursing home facilities, and those in need of spiritual comfort. The Legion of Mary is open to both adults and young people. Several parishes in Montgomery County have a Legion of Mary as a ministry. St Patrick's has both an adult and young people ministry. Meetings are held at the Parish Center: adults on Mondays at 6:00 pm; and the young people on Sundays at 1:00 pm.

POST CANA FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Washington Archdiocese Post Cana for Widows and Widowers will hold its annual business meeting in the Stricker Room of St. Bernadette’s on Saturday, September 14th, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will hold a discussion for future plans and listen to what President Mary Dugan has proposed for the coming year. Monsignor Smith, the pastor of St. Bernadette’s, has been our gracious host for many years and he may join us. Mark your calendar now and follow future announcements about our upcoming meeting.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election of Officers

Steve Sutkowski, Chairman

Congratulations to Election of Officers and Delegates for the 2024/2025 fraternal year.

- Grand Knight: Eugene Kane
- Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Perez
- Chancellor: Paul Lockwood
- 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: *Open*
- Convention Delegate: GK, Eugene Kane
- Alt Convention Delegate: Joe Krempasky, PGK
- Alt Convention Delegate: Jack Giacalone, PGK

FAITH ACTIVITIES

TBD, Faith Programs Director

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

TBD, Family Programs Director

Pot-Luck Dinner & Awards

Donald Hemke

The council held its annual Potluck Dinner & Awards Night on WED 26 JUN 24 at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center.

We had the drawing of the Council Spring Raffle benefiting the council Seminarian Fund. The Total Raffle Prize was \$2534.50 split 50-50 with the Seminarian Fund.

There were six council winners totaling \$1267.25:

PLACE	PRIZE	WINNER (Name)
(6th)	\$50.00	Hank ???
(5th)	\$50.00	Mark Perez
(4th)	\$116.75	Greg Tang
(3rd)	\$175.00	Peter Townson
(2nd)	\$350.25	Our Lady of Grace Church
(1st)	\$525.25	Roger Stevens

After dinner GK Eugene Kane recognize council contributors of the past Fraternal Year. Those receiving recognition were:

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Jul-23	Fred Taylor	Joe & Susan Krempasky
Aug-23	Peter Townson	Jack & Phyllis Giacalone
Sep-23	Jim Street	Bob & Nancy Amato
Oct-23	Robert Amato	Steve & Marilyn Goldhammer
Nov-23	Bill Studenic	Joe & Susan Krempasky
Dec-23	Eugene Kane	Fred & Elaine Taylor
Jan-24	Jack Giacalone	Mark & Gloria Perez
Feb-24	Don Hemke	Steve & Marilyn Goldhammer
Mar-24	Don Hemke	Steve & Marilyn Goldhammer
Apr-24	Steve Sutkowski	Bill & Kathy Studenic
May-24	Joe Krempasky	Peter & Nicki Wallace
Jun-24	Steve Sutkowski	Joe & Susan Krempasky

Family of the Year - Steve & Marilyn Goldhammer

Knight of the Year - Bob Amato

Special Appreciation - Martin Peschke

Special Appreciation - Paul Boccabella

Special Appreciation - Walter Daku.



Group shot of “Knights of the Month”

Also three charity groups; Community Support Services, Potomac Community Resources, and Rosario Communities were each presented with checks of \$1612.00 from the proceeds collected during our past Fall Tootsie Roll Program.

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 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 cocoanut 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.

Tootsie Roll Campaign

Jim Street – Event Chairman

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.

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. Come and pack 50,000 meals with us. More info on the [State Council website](#).

MD State Council Cash Incentive Sweepstakes

The 55th Annual Cash Incentive Raffle sponsored by the Maryland State Council in now the “**Cash Incentive SWEEPSTAKES**”! Tickets are now in hand and will be available for a donation of \$5.00 each. This is an important opportunity for our council to raise funds for the State Council Charity and Scholarship programs as well as our Council activities. Drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball, October 12, 2024. Details to follow.

LIFE ACTIVITES

TBD, Life Programs Director

Reproductive Freedom Amendment--Vote NO

Stephen Goldhammer

The Reproductive Freedom Amendment will be on the Maryland ballot in November. This amendment is proposed as necessary to protect women, but it actually reduces protections for women. By making it a fundamental right, any attempt to restrict access to these 'rights' will be against the Maryland constitution. There will be no age limits on any procedures and parents will not have a say in health care for minors and teens, or even have to be informed of what is going on.

As a constitutional right, alternate views and opinions

to the prevailing narrative will be forbidden and punishable. Pregnancy Centers and projects like the Gabriel Project will likely be harassed and sued for trying to do their work--to just take care of mothers and children. Our State lawmakers testified that this Amendment would establish new transgender rights and authorize the government to use taxpayer dollars to fund and promote puberty blocking drugs and surgical procedures--even among children without parental consent.

This amendment would invalidate existing health and safety laws; it would deprive women of their right to give informed consent, circumvent parental notification for minors for both abortion and gender transition procedures, shield negligent health practitioners, and help sexual abusers and traffickers to cover their crimes.

Please uphold the rights and dignity of women and children and vote NO in November. Let others in your families and friends and social groups know about how dangerous this amendment is and ask for the Blessed Mother's help in defeating this amendment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Installation of Officers

Saturday, August 17, 2024, tentatively Mass at 1:00PM followed by Installation and catered Dinner. Details forthcoming.

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



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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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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.

Archdiocese of Washington District

The next AWD District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday Jul 13.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

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

McNamara Chapter President – SK Terry Reinhart



SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

Cribs for Life **(by Cecilia Engbert)**

Joe Jewell, past grand knight of Holy Spirit Council 11922 in Annandale, Virginia, and his son, Michael, got up early June 15, packed their vehicle with four baby cribs and mattresses and hit the road. They were joining more than 40 volunteers, including many Knights, to deliver cribs to more than 100 mothers in need across the region.

The crib was a gift from Project Manger, a nonprofit that supplies cribs and bedding to mothers facing financial difficulties or crisis pregnancies. It began in 2008 as an initiative of A Woman's Choice, a local pregnancy resource center, before becoming a separate organization in 2022. Knights in northern Virginia have been deeply involved from its earliest days.

Each year, Project Manger buys hundreds of new cribs — \$150-165 each — with fundraising help from several K of C councils. Two major distributions take place, one on Father's Day weekend in June and another during the Christmas season. Volunteers, primarily Knights, gather at A Woman's Choice, load their vehicles with cribs, mattresses and bedding, and travel in pairs to each client's home until every delivery has been made.

"Being able to do in-person deliveries is a big motivator for me," said Jewell, who serves on Project Manger's board of directors and has helped with deliveries for about a decade. "We've seen people sleeping on the floor, kids having to sleep on the floor themselves. Just the look on their faces when they see us coming in — to get help in those situations really makes a difference."

It was a difficult living situation that first inspired Project Manger. Dolores Wisecarver, executive director of A Woman's Choice at the time, found out a client had had an abortion because she didn't have anywhere for her second baby to sleep.

Determined that no client would ever make that decision again, Wisecarver put an ad in all the local parish bulletins asking for donations to supply baby cribs to expectant mothers who could not afford them. Denny D'Alelio, a past grand knight of Council 11922, responded immediately and became the powerhouse behind the operation.

"In the beginning, it was just going to be a small project," said Wisecarver, who retired from her role as director of A Woman's Choice in 2017 and now serves on the board of directors for both A Women's Choice and Project Manger. "But the Knights made it grow; they did all the fundraising. Denny took this project and ran with it."

D'Alelio involved not only his own council but several other local councils as well. In its first year, Project Manger supplied around 25 cribs to families in need during the

Christmas season.

“It was Christmas time, so I had this idea to ‘bring a crib to baby Jesus,’” said Wisecarver, explaining the name of the organization.

“Without the Knights, there wouldn’t be this program at all,” Wisecarver said. “They continue to be involved and the program has taken off.”

Since 2009, Project Manger had delivered more than 2,700 cribs, and Wisecarver expects to deliver around 300 more this year. The program now assists clients of about 20 pregnancy resource centers in northern Virginia, in addition to A Woman’s Choice.

“People are very generous with this program. There’s something about donating cribs that people like,” Wisecarver said. “It’s a very specific mission.”

For Bill Baer, a member of Msgr. Thomas P. Scannell Council 14523 in Annandale, delivering cribs is a win-win situation.

“We get a lot out of it and so do the people who receive the cribs,” said Baer, who has volunteered with Project Manger for several years alongside fellow Knights. “It’s just a small way to let people know that we want to help them greet this baby into the world — a token that will hopefully be useful but also an expression of gratitude for another baby. Because it’s always wonderful whenever a child is born.”

Building a culture of life is a long-term process that will take more than a change in law, Jewell said, and

Project Manger is part of that effort

“It demonstrates that we really care about the women and children involved,” he said. “Showing that there are people who care about women in crisis pregnancies is the first step in changing hearts and minds.”

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]

Columbus Day Ball

It was announced at the June State Council Leadership Seminar that the venue of the event will change this year. Date is October 12, 2024 and location is Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave, Nottingham, MD. See [State Council Newsletter](#) for details.

Navy Football Game

Navy vs Bucknell football game and tailgate party event, sponsored by the MD State Council is scheduled for August 31, 2024 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis MD. Tickets \$45.00. See [State Council Newsletter](#) for details.



Pot-Luck Awards Dinner – June 24, 2024



Pot-Luck Awards Dinner – Family of the Year



Pot-Luck Awards Dinner – Nov. Knight of the Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Officer Mtg 7:30 PM	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	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	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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