

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."

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

**Chaplain - Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor
Our Lady of Grace Church**

Assoc. Chaplain - Reverend Linus Nviiri, CSC

**State Chaplain's Message
Fr Donald Grzymiski OFM Conv**

On August 13th the feast of Blessed Michael is observed—it is the day between his birthday (August 12th) and the day he died (August 14th). While not on the Church's universal calendar (only a canonized saint makes that calendar, and then normally as an optional memorial that can be celebrated), it is a day for Knights and their families to, at the very least, privately celebrate.

I believe, as we remember his life, Blessed Michael reminds us of several things. First, - to be a person of faith, grateful for the gift of faith we have received, and how we can live our faith as an active member of the Church. When we join with other people of faith, in our parish, in our council, or wherever a Catholic community is drawn together, we are more likely to grow in faith as we both share with, and absorb the faith from, one another.

Second, - to be a person of charity, cognizant of those in our communities who are lonely, who struggle economically, who are treated as second-class citizens, who deal with poor health, or who are facing a personal struggle/challenge. A person in any of these situations can be so blessed by the presence of another person in their life, and especially one who is motivated by faith.

Third, - to be a person of confidence and hope. Blessed Michael's efforts to support our fledgling Order and its growth are a testament to the benefits he saw that Knights and their families could receive from membership. Our inviting others to join the Knights can be a tribute to Blessed Michael. Vatican II reminded that the Church should be a sign of hope and joy in our troubled world, and so that is also part of our Order's mission.

Finally, let us continue to pray for the canonization of Blessed Michael, that his holiness and example can be celebrated throughout the Church universal.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Eugene Kane



Welcome to the Month of August and the commencement of our 2nd month of the new Fraternal Year 2024 2025. Excited as we enjoy the last weeks of the summer and start to focus upon the fall. We have a full complement of Officers and Directors to commence the exciting faith based year programs. Hope you can join us for the Installation Mass, Ceremony and Banquet on August 17, 2024 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church and Hall. This is an important event for our members and parishes to meet our Council Leaders.

Excited that we have all of the Officer Positions and Directorships filled. Fantastic people are in the key leadership positions to ensure we have a fantastic & successful year

Review the Directorships and the Programs planned. In implementing the various programs, we will focus upon keeping the members and parishes current of the details and any updates via Council website, Council Newsletter, Council Emails, Flock Notes, and Parish Bulletins.

We have four Directorships and various programs within each Directorship. I would like to review these Directorships and Programs with you and encourage each member to find a program that really interests them and get involved.

FAITH DIRECTORSHIP (*Worthy FS Don Hemke / Worthy Andrew Colliton*)

1. Supreme Seminarian RSVP Program (Refund Seminarian Vocations Program) - funded by Council supported by Council Fall & Spring Raffles. 10 Seminarians supported by our Council. The Refund Support Vocations program assists our seminarians and postulants with financial and moral assistance. As the strong right arm of the Church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Further details will be provided.

2. "Into The Breach" Video Program.....held during specifically "dedicated" Council Social Meetings/Sessions.

Into the Breach is a call to battle for men which urges them to embrace masculine virtues in a World at crisis. The original Into the Breach video series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation of Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. The new Into the Breach program: The Mission of the Family series presents the Catholic vision of family life and inspires them to incorporate it into daily life. By viewing and discussing these inspirational series, and using their accompanying study guides, men as well as couples, will be equipped with the wisdom and practical tools they need to better lead them and their families in living out the Faith. Resources for the new series are available at kofc.org/intothebreach. Further details will be provided.

3. Council Widow's Memorial Mass/Luncheon Further details will be provided.

4. Rosary Prayer Sessions - both Live and Virtual This program encourages devotion to Mary, the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family. The Rosary Program encourages council members to participate in Council regular scheduled rosary prayer services on certain days of the week, at various times of the year, with the guidance Chaplain or members of the clergy. Our Council furthers this program goal with praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Council Business Meetings held monthly. Our Council is personally inviting each member and his family in the three parishes and others to attend. Through the Rosary we each can learn how our faith can be strengthened through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying the rosary together as a Council and at home together regularly. The Rosary is our "weapon" against the evil prevailing in our World. Further details will be provided.

5. St JOSEPH ICON - St Joseph Mass/Reflection Icon (as Available). Further details will be provided.

FAMILY DIRECTORSHIP (*Worthy Walt McKee*)

1. Christmas with St Nicholas Our Council supports St Peter's and St Patrick's Children Events. Typically the 1st Saturday in December (this year 12/7/2024). Historically, our Council has supported St Peter's which we will continue this beautiful partnership. We are continuing to seek ways to support the parishes in developing in the youth an appreciation for Christ as the central figure in Advent and Christmas seasons. Further details will be provided.

2. Family of the Month Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. We are looking for ways to honor the Family as the central

building block (Domestic Church).

3. Council Family Picnic. Our Council hosts various potluck picnics or events which provide an opportunity for families to enjoy "togetherness" around food. Included are fun contests like pie eating, sack race and egg toss. The possibilities are endless! Depending on the weather and time of year, we try to host a Family Dinner or Family Breakfast. Further details will be provided.

4. Council Christmas Party 12/15/2024 (hosted at one of the various Parish Halls at OLOG or St Peter's or St Patrick's) Singing Christmas carols and sometimes a "special guest" makes an appearance. Good times and potluck food provided. Further details will be provided.

5. Holy Week Celebration Despite Holy Week's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at Triduum services remains low. To change this, Our Council will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, our council will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. Further details will be provided.

6. Keep Christ in Christmas The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Council would love to have a Council Member take the lead in one of the programs in an effort to further the growth and awareness of the importance of Family to our Faith. Further details will be provided.

7. Consecration to the Holy Family To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Our Council will guide the parishes and community to understand and offer this prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through His Church. Further details will be provided.

8. Sporting Event. As a Council, we desire to facilitate attendance at a local sporting event such as a minor league baseball or hockey game with fellow Knights' families. We are looking for volunteers to help us bring this program to the parishes. Please consider helping us make this a reality. Further details will be provided.

LIFE DIRECTORSHIP (*Worthy GK Gene*)

Kane/Worthy Peter Wallace)

1. SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER – Dinner & Speaker “Stand Up for Life” Gala 2024 October 25, 2024 6:00 PM Featuring comedian Mike Goodwin. Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center; 5967 Executive Blvd North Bethesda

2. NOVENA FOR LIFE The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, our Council will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Further details will be provided.

3. SILVER ROSE Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Council has hosted a “stop” along the pilgrimage for several years. We look forward to doing so again this year. Further details will be provided.

4. MARCH FOR LIFE The Knights of Columbus encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause. Knights in your Council organize and participate in local/state/province/regional Marches for Life and/or organize participation of Knights/parishioners/students/etc., in bus trips to the national Marches in Washington, D.C., Ottawa, Mexico City, throughout the Philippines, or in other countries. We will be continuing to support the pro-life cause both in Washington DC and Annapolis, Maryland. Further details will be provided.

5. GABRIEL PROJECT. Our Council will continue the tradition of supporting the brave women who choose “life” under difficult economic circumstances. We support both in financial contributions and “in-kind” contributions these courageous women. Further details will be provided.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORSHIP (*Worthy William Studenic*)

1. COATS FOR KIDS Ten years ago, the Knights of Columbus recognized the needs of children in the United States and Canada living in extreme poverty and started the Coats for Kids program. Since then, Knights from 1,943 councils have donated 660,581 coats to children in need. In 2018 alone, councils donated 116,616 coats. Our Council has participated financially in the purchase of new coats and providing them for appropriate distribution. Further details will be provided.

2. Marian House / Grace House. Our Council hosts social events for our elderly who reside in various assisted living facilities in our community. These events are well received by the residents and their families.

3. Inwood House. Throughout the community are homes for residents (emotionally or mentally challenged) who cannot reside independently. Our Council hosts a Halloween Party for the residents at one such facility in Silver Spring and has done so for a number of years. The residents and the Council members participating in the event have a completely enjoyable time together each year. Council members provide a dinner and prizes for best dressed costumes for the party. Decorations are provided by the Council leading to a very festive event. While the date is still to be determined it is likely in late October 2024

4. Box of Joy. Council distributes boxes with the hope of the boxes being returned with suitable Holiday gift items to bring “Christmas Joy” to special children. Our Council is responsible for the promotion and Distribution of boxes. We arrange for the collection & submission of the boxes to designated collection point. Please consider requesting a box from the Council and providing some “joy” to a child during Christmas. Further details will be provided.

5. SOME The Council collects at its meetings and events food for the local food pantry.

6. Social Events to Encourage Fraternity. The Council conducts various events to encourage fellow Knights and parishioners to share stories and food together. We host a “Thanksgiving Dinner in November 2024, a Chili Cook-off in February. Further details will be provided.

7. Retired KOC Leadership (Charter Dinner) We host a dinner to acknowledge and thank our senior members of leadership. Reunion of leadership Knights and their families is always a fun time. Usually held sometime in April. Further details will be provided.

8. Olney Theater (Olney Theatre). We will be again providing to the Council members and their families the opportunity to share an evening of fraternity and live entertainment at the Olney Theatre. This year we have arranged for November 1, 2024 and the play is Frozen. Further details will be provided. Worthy Joe Feakes is handling this specific program.

9. Tootsie Roll. Our Council is collecting donations outside of the County Liquor Store in Olney for helping those in need. The Tootsie Roll Program is dedicated to providing life based health care, learning and quality of life opportunities for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. Funds collected are offered primarily to public and private agencies that are qualified not-for-profit organizations focusing on improving the quality of life and providing life-based healthcare and related services benefiting the disabled. We donated funds over \$4,800. We really made an impact. Help us make this year another successful year. Again, Jim Street and Bob Amato are managing the volunteers from August 30 to October 5 2024

Separately, Our Council will be arranging and conducting Delta Church Drives for Membership Opportunities in the three parishes throughout the year.

We will be having a “Knights Corner” in each of the Parish Bulletins which will updating the Parishes of what the Council is doing in service to our faith based communities at St Peter’s, St Patrick’s, and Our Lady of Grace.

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

<http://KOC6793.ORG>

OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Reverend James D Boccabella
Associate Chaplain	Rev Linus Nviiri
Grand Knight	Eugene Kane
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

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:

Program Director	Mark Perez
Faith Activities Dir.	Don Hemke / Andrew Colliton
Community Activity Dir	Bill Studenic
Family Activities Dir	Walt McKee
Life Activities Dir	Gene Kane / Peter Wallace
Membership Chairman	James E Street
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



Gabriel Project Cluster

Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Women volunteers are urgently needed to assist struggling pregnant mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or email during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items, such as diapers, baby clothes, formula, etc., that 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 over 190 volunteer team members that make it possible to help more than 370 needy moms. Please visit our website for more information at www.gpmoco.org or contact Bill Lamoureux at wlamoureux@aol.com. The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies.

Right to Life of Montgomery County

Come visit the Right to Life booth at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair 2024, through August 17th. Hope to see you there! This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again be having a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, Wednesday, August 9th through Saturday, August 17th. Would you like to volunteer? Call Volunteer Coordinator Mr. Tharpa Roberts if you would like to assist in this important pro-life effort. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Right to Life of Montgomery County, Maryland, is a nonprofit organization that promotes the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Catholic Charities Legal Network

Seeking Volunteer Lawyers - Catholic Charities Legal Network 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 or visit daniel.collopy@cc-dc.com to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

ST. PETER’S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



27TH ANNUAL COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The 2024 Collection of School Supplies is a terrific opportunity to affect the lives of financially challenged families in our community. How beautiful it is to ensure that the children of these families will have brand-new markers, notebooks, and/or backpacks to start the new academic year—just like their classmates.

Encounter School of Ministry (ESM) Summer Intensive!

Mother of God School 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD (ESM) invites you to its powerful Summer Intensive Program, which has been approved by the Archdiocese of Washington and is designed to train, activate, and equip participants in using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This four-evening summer session includes praise and worship and inspiring talks on: Our Identity in Christ; How To Hear God's Voice; How to Pray With Someone for Healing; and How to Receive Inner Healing and Freedom. The summer session is a mini-version of the content of the first 4 quarters of the 2-year ESM program.

Youth Ministries

In support 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!

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



Poor Box

This week's Poor Box donations will benefit Interfaith

Works, a nonprofit, interfaith coalition of more than 165 affiliated congregations, working together to meet the needs of the poor and homeless in Montgomery County. They provide shelter, clothing, and food to our neighbors in need and provide supportive services with the goal of self-sufficiency. Your donations are urgently needed and greatly appreciated. Next 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.

School Supply Drive, August 10-18

St. Patrick's is collecting school supplies for Catholic Charities to distribute to low-income families. Please bring supplies and place in containers in the back of the church. Here is a "wish list" of supplies: Backpacks; Spiral Notebooks; 1" & 3" binders; Pocket File Folders; Subject Dividers; Journals; Pencil Cases; Washable Markers; Yellow Highlighters; Glue Sticks; Scissors; Index Cards; Geometry Sets (Compass & Protractor). Supplies needed for all ages—thanks for helping families in need!

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Street, Church Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Mark Perez, Program Director

FAITH ACTIVITIES

Don Hemke /Andrew Colliton, Faith Programs Director

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Walt McKee, Family Programs Director

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.

On June 16th we delivered 30 lbs. of food to St. Patrick's parking lot for transit to St. Martin's food kitchen. On July 21st another 20 lbs. were delivered.

For the Fraternal year '23-'24 our council provided 300 lbs. of various food items for families in need

Thanks for your support. Thanks to all Knights for your participation. Bob Amato 301 385 1017.

Installation of Officers

Our annual Council Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday August 17th with a Mass at 1:00PM at Our Lady of Grace church. The Installation Ceremony and dinner reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All members and their families (not just incoming officers) are invited to attend.

Tootsie Roll Campaign

Jim Street – Event Chairman

We will be soliciting donations to provide financial assistance to Montgomery County’s Intellectually Challenged children and adults. We will be stationed at the Montgomery County Liquor and Wine facility on Georgia Ave. in Olney on each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from August 30 thru Sept. 29. Additionally, we plan to be collecting at all three of our associated parishes, St. Peter’s, St. Patrick’s, and Our Lady of Grace Church following Masses. We hope to be completing these collections in late September and early October, exact dates are still being determined.

You may also donate to the Tootsie Roll Campaign on our Council website in the Member’s Only Section. If you haven’t yet been contacted by Campaign Chairman Jim Street to volunteer, give him a call at (301) 717-2667.

Maryland State Council Cash Incentive Raffle

Don Hemke – Event Chairman

The 55th Annual Cash Incentive Sweepstakes sponsored by the Maryland State Council is underway. This is an important opportunity for our council to raise funds for our activities. Tickets cost \$5.00 each. Drawing will be held on October 12th at the Columbus Day Ball. We hope to sell tickets before and after all three Masses at Our Lady of Grace church on a couple of weekends in September. Don Hemke (301)919-4470 is chairman for this Raffle. Contact him if you wish to purchase tickets to enter this sweepstakes raffle.

Annual Inwood House Halloween Party

TBD – Event Chairman

The Annual Halloween Party for the residents at the Inwood House is tentatively scheduled for October 25th. Additional information will follow next month as plans are finalized.

LIFE ACTIVITES

Gene Kane / Peter Wallace, Life Programs Director

Bishop Burbidge Reflects on Anniversary of Dobbs Decision and the Impact of the Eucharistic Revival on the Pro-Life Movement

Contributed by Stephen Goldhammer

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States issued its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's

Health Organization, which overturned the Roe v. Wade decision that had legalized abortion in all 50 states. In advance of the anniversary of the Court’s landmark decision, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, urged the faithful to engage elected officials on life issues, and reflected on the power of the Eucharist to transform hearts and culture:

“This anniversary calls us to reflect on where we have been and where we are going,” Bishop Burbidge stated. “This fall, as many as ten additional states will have abortion referenda on their ballots, allowing voters to enshrine ‘abortion rights’ and override existing pro-life safeguards. At the same time, Congress has been promoting many pro-abortion policies while largely ignoring our calls to prioritize maternal health and support for children and families in need.” “In the spirit of faithful citizenship, I urge Catholics to engage their elected officials on all issues endangering life,” he said. “As we navigate this shifting political landscape, I cannot help but think the Holy Spirit has inspired our National Eucharistic Revival for such a time as this. Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist has the power to transform our own hearts and the heart of our culture.”

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
Monsignor Ed Filardi	clergy
Warner Moore	friend
DECEASED’S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
John Fox	August 02, 2024

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

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor



“Financial Services firmly rooted in Faith”

Does achieving retirement goals and family security ever just happen, without some sort of plan? Unfortunately, things don't normally happen that way. Getting the details could prove to be a great decision ... with a lasting impact.

Send me a quick note if I can provide details to you.

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.

CHAPTER NEWS



**Bishop McNamara Chapter -
Established 1963**

Website:

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

McNamara Chapter Pres – Steve Law

The August Meeting will be hosted by Sacred Heart Council #2577.

- Date:** August 21, 2024
- Time:** 8PM (Dinner at 7PM)
- Location:** Sacred Heart Council #2577, 6111 Columbian Way , Bowie, MD 20715

SUPREME NEWS

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

True Metal

From modest beginnings, a Maryland council's charity scrap drive becomes a community staple

Source: K of C Supreme Website

A group of Maryland Knights established a scrap metal drive in 2006 hoping to provide small financial grants to Knights in need. The program has since grown in popularity and in the past year alone raised more than \$28,000 for dozens of local charities.

“The beauty of it is anyone can donate,” said Grand Knight Bill Traube of Our Lady of the Valley Council 11703 in Middletown. “We’re not asking for people to take money out of their pocket, just what they’re throwing away.”

Traube and a few other volunteers began the drive to benefit an assistance fund for members of Holy Family

Catholic Community and Council 11703. It started small but began growing exponentially when Traube — inspired in part by Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si’* — brought the idea to a group of representatives from different Middletown churches.!

At first, “they thought I meant just aluminum cans,” Traube said. He encouraged the group, called the Middletown Ministerium, to think bigger: “I told them this is about creating something the entire community can support.”

The Ministerium got behind the project in 2018, and now Knights and volunteers from various churches collect scrap metal in the parking lot of Holy Family Church almost every Sunday. The donations — ranging from small electronics to large appliances — are brought to a barn to be meticulously disassembled and organized over several days.

Most of the sorted metals are sold at a local facility about once a week; a large dumpster with steel is picked up every six weeks or so. Donated items that are still usable, like tools, are sold at a garage sale three times a year.

Since 2019, the scrap metal drive has raised about \$105,000 to support 30 local charities and community organizations. Its reach has also grown — donors come from several local counties, even Pennsylvania and Virginia. The drive’s proceeds always go to groups that directly support the communities that contribute.

“A lot of churches talk about the three T’s: time, talent and treasure,” Traube said. “Well, they never talk about the fourth T — trash. What gets thrown out in the trash can help somebody else, in addition to the environment. The concept is so simple, and I hope more councils can enact programs like this.”

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]

State Council Fast Start Initiative

Congratulations to Grand Knight Mearland Rusaw and ALL the members of Immaculate Conception Council #8159 for being the first Council in Maryland to meet their annual membership goal under the Fast Start Initiative. Immaculate Conception Council is now exempt from having to pay their second half per capita dues. The Council is still going strong and is shooting to be a Double Star Council this fraternal year

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**August 2024
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12 State Program Seminar –Council 14011, Frederick MD 7:30 PM	13	14 Business Mtg 7:30PM	15	16	17 Council Officers Installation 1:00 PM Mass, OLG Church
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Social Mtg 7:30P	29	30	31

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