

# 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**

Ash Wednesday is on March 5th, so throughout most of the month we will be in the Season of Lent. While we know the season invites us to be conscious of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in this Holy Year we continue to remember our call to be "pilgrims of hope."

Lent leads us to the holiest days of the Church year as we celebrate the Triduum, culminating in Easter. Keeping that destination in mind, our embrace of Lent will enhance our celebration of Jesus' resurrection, his triumph over death. That alone is reason to have hope.

Having had Sisters straight from Ireland in grade school, the observance of St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) was part of that parochial school formation. While I've never been overwhelmed by the traditional foods of that day, the example of St. Patrick, one of the Church's great missionary bishops, is impressive. During his time of servitude in Ireland as a boy and young man, Patrick must have kept hope alive, a hope built on solitary prayer, and thus his call to share the faith. How those virtues of faith, hope and charity work together!

The Gospel passage at the Mass that day (Monday of the Third Week of Lent; Luke 6:36-38) reminds us to "be merciful...stop judging...stop condemning...forgive...give." We see this Gospel mandate lived out in the life of St. Patrick, and know that it can be life-changing for anyone who embraces it.

Then, at the end of the month, we will have Founder's Day, officially March 29th, though as a State Council we will celebrate it on Sunday, March 23rd. Fr. McGivney must have been a person of hope, for in the midst of the profound challenges he faced, we know him to be a man of prayer, a man who was ready to encourage a healthy social life, and one whose inspiration and support led to the founding of the Knights of Columbus. Those principal goals of keeping men growing in their faith and providing real support for widows and orphans remains at the center of the Order's goals these 143 years later.

As you journey through Lent may you find both a season of hope and a season of holiness.

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**Eugene Kane, GK**



Greetings Worthy Knights and Families of Fr Peter Paul Maher Council. We hope you are all finding March as a month to embrace your Lenten commitments and prepare for Easter.

This year, Christians around the world begin their observance of Lent with Ash Wednesday as Pope Francis spends another week in the hospital, recovering from pneumonia and its related effects. Lent invites us into a period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and Pope Francis's hospitalization presents an opportunity to engage these Lenten observances through the lens of his life and papacy. Today I found a quote from Pope Francis which should provide each of us guidance:

"For God, glory is to love to the point of giving one's life. Glorification, for Him, means giving himself, making himself accessible, offering his love. And this reached its culmination on the Cross, right there, where Jesus unfolded God's love to the maximum, fully revealing the face of mercy, giving us life and forgiving his crucifiers." Pope Francis

As we seek insight into how to most effectively engage our Lenten observances, I share the following quote as hopefully helpful:

*The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us? When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others, to love our brothers with that burning love, that passion, which led to the Cross, then we can truly say, 'Now I have begun.'*

—**Servant of God Dorothy Day**

Quoted in Russell Shaw's book, *Turning Points: How Thirteen Remarkable Men and Women Heard God's Call and Responded to It*

The Lenten season focuses on the passion, suffering and death of Jesus. St Joseph is our "Model in Suffering." The suffering which God permits is not meant to punish those, like Saint Joseph, who are sincerely seeking the Lord. The foster father of Jesus, in all reputable

interpretations, was one who faithfully heeded the divine Word. The suffering which God allowed him experience was not designed to crush this good man but to enable him to share in some way the life-giving cross of the Child under his capable guardianship. As it applies to us, the Suffering, which comes to us because of the sin of another is not to make us “bitter” but “better.” How easy it would have been for Joseph to respond in anger when he was told by the Angel to flee Israel and travel to Egypt. It was not Saint Joseph’s fault that King Herod was insanely jealous and desired to destroy the Babe of Bethlehem. But Joseph packed his bags and took Mary and the Messiah to a safe refuge. Such tranquility inspired us to remember that our heavenly Father really cares for us – His sons and daughters – regardless of the arduous trials which surround and inflict on us. St Joseph did not hate Herod for his unreasonably envy but instead placed all his trust in the Lord, resulting in an intensification of supernatural grace within his soul. Given the current discord and lack of respect for others present in our communities, St Joseph represents an awesome model for healing during Lent.

We as Knights are called to promote the positive message of suffering as a joyful gift to Jesus. Join us in our various programs which encourage and promote our Faith. Let’s not only attend events during Lent but ask our fellow parishioners to attend (and become a member of the Knights if possible).

Vivat Jesus!

**COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793**

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

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

Officer’s meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. 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**



**Have you ever wondered - What is Post Cana?**

Post Cana is an organization for the mutual support of widows and widowers of all ages and faiths sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Post Cana members engage in spiritual, social, intellectual, and other positive programs that enrich their lives. If you would like to join, please call Mary Dugan at (301) 873-3902 or email her at marydugan12@yahoo.com. We welcome new widows and widowers to join us. Reservations are being taken for the Lenten Reflection and Buffet Lunch on MARCH 11. Please send a check for \$25, payable to Post Cana, to Herb Biegel, 13509 Maidstone Lane, Potomac, MD 20854, no later than Tuesday, March 4th. The lunch buffet will include roasted stuffed peppers, shredded BBQ beef brisket, baked mac and cheese, Feta and sundried tomato Pasta salad, Caesar salad, beverages and desserts.

**Morning Coffee & Fellowship**

Please join us for our next coffee after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays, in the Parish Center.

**ST. PETER’S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

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



### Nourish Your Soul: Lenten Retreats at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

Lent 2025 Retreat Schedule! Lent is the perfect time to reflect, renew, and open your heart to the transforming power of the presence of Christ. The Center offers a calm and peaceful environment where you can step away from the busyness of life and engage in a transformative retreat experience. Weekend Retreats (Preached and Private Options) • March 8–9, 2025 (Women only) • March 21–23, 2025 (Men and Women) • April 3–6, 2025 (Men only) • April 11–13, 2025 (Women only) Personal Retreat Day: Friday, March 7, 2025 Lenten of Reflections for Couples • Wednesday, March 12, 2025: How Suffering and Trials Can Strengthen Your Marriage • Sunday, April 9, 2025: Wilderness and Wandering: Facing Our Challenges as Christ Did Please visit the retreat center Web site at [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org) for details about the programs and links to register. You may also call 301–365–0612. Retreats are held at the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

### EDGE Youth Group Calendar

Students in grades 7th and 8th are invited to Saint Peter's Parish Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Upcoming Date: Friday, March 14th save the Date Edge Camp: July 14th to 18th Edge Camp is for incoming students in grades 7th and 8th, who are parishioners. Camp spots are split between those who attend our parish school and those who attend the School of Religion. Camp enrollment will be full when all the spots have been taken; first come, first served. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration forms will be available on our Web site in March.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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



### Vocations Tree

“Vocations Tree” Coming Soon! What’s a “Vocations Tree?” Shortly before Ash Wednesday, you’ll find a “tree” in the church narthex covered with cards. Each card on the display features a seminarian of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose one card (or more than one) and commit to praying a short prayer for that seminarian each day during Lent. This is a great activity for families, too!

### Poor Box

This week’s Poor Box donations will benefit the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH), a nonprofit organization which provides different levels of housing, including permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter, and "Safe Havens" for those with severe or persistent mental illnesses. They also provide rental assistance and other support services to address issues that lead to homelessness. Each year, MCCH serves nearly 800 men, women, and children. Next week’s Poor Box donations will benefit the Catholic Coalition for Special Education. Their mission is to ensure that children with special needs are able to attend, and receive an appropriate education in their local Catholic elementary schools and high schools. CCSE provides tuition grants and technical assistance to help Catholic schools in Washington, D.C. and Maryland achieve this goal.

## COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Council Dues Reminder

Donald Hemke, Financial Secretary

This is the "2nd DUES REMINDER" from the Council Financial Secretary! All DUES (\$45.00/yr.) Notices have been emailed weeks ago. CHECK YOUR EMAILS dated "last week in JAN"!

If you haven't seen a DUES Notice, PLEASE CONTACT the FINANCIAL SECRETARY!!

Dues payments can be made on the council website ([www.kofc6793.org](http://www.kofc6793.org)) using a credit or debit card. You can also send a check to my address below. You will then get your 2025 council membership card.

Those who do not owe dues (Honorary Life members & those who PAID Dues previously) will be sent their

membership card on or about mid-February!

If you have questions, contact the FS by email, text, or phone. ([d\\_hemke@yahoo.com](mailto:d_hemke@yahoo.com) / 301-919-4470 cell

Donald Hemke  
Financial Secretary Council 6793  
18729 Willow Grove Rd,  
Olney MD 20832

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Mark Perez, Membership Director**

On April 6th at St Peter’s Community Coffee, we will be manning a table.

These gatherings happen after Mass in the Parish Hall. The Masses are at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00AM. One or two Knights should be there at 8:30, 10:00 and 12:00. If you can help out, please let the Deputy Grand Knight (Mark Perez) know.

We will be there to answer questions and encourage new potential members to sign up. Please join us!

**FAITH ACTIVITES**

**Don Hemke /Andrew Colliton, Faith Programs Director**

Greetings and Vivat Jesus! We are working very hard on developing more opportunities in both our Council and the community to grow our Faith. Our social meetings on the calendar listed in the newsletter are including a “Living Rosary” at Our Lady of Grace.

We are conducting many programs which promote our Faith for members, families and in the community. We are leading the State of Maryland in the number of seminarians we are supporting (10). We are supporting our new priests continually. We have obtained for Fr Raymond a Chalice which he will be using when he says Mass.

We are collecting food for families. We have several Knights who are teaching our young in the Faith. Many of our Knights are involved in leadership roles in various faith based programs such as TMIY.

We are seeking more Knights to develop COR.

**Spring Raffle Starting Now**

Don Hemke – Event Chairman

To Help Sponsor Ten Seminarians an Anonymous Member Issued \$1000 Matching Challenge to the Council.

(\$30 or Free Will Donations) are requested by Members. Make Payments on council Website ([www.KofC6793.org](http://www.KofC6793.org)).

Raffle period is March through May, drawing In June.

**FAMILY ACTIVITES**

**Walt McKee, Family Programs Director**

Greetings fellow Knights, lets promote within our families and communities our Faith during Lent. Please consider the following (check Bulletin) as a family. When children see their parent(s) praying and showing respect for

God.

1. Saying Pope Francis’ Novena Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025 in our households
2. Say the Rosary each day at the beginning or end of the day.
3. Watch Mel Gibson’s movie the Passion
4. Attend prayer services or Adoration
5. Share a meal with someone in need.
6. Learn an Easter song
7. Ask every member of your families to write a special note (Easter Card) to a friend or family member who is alone or not well.
8. Take the entire family to visit home-bound family members for neighbors.
9. Have a foot washing ceremony within your family to show your love and humility.
10. Attend Mass together on Sundays and weekdays if possible
11. Perform a random act of kindness for someone in your community (ex: yard work for an elderly neighbor)

We will be conducting an excellent program “Execution of Christ” on March 26, 2025 at Our Lady of Grace which is close to all of the parishes.

Finally, please ask anyone adult male in good standing if they are a Knight. We should have every Catholic Gentleman in our parishes as a member of our Council. Easy to join. E-Membership simplifies the process using the prospect’s cell phone.

**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 deliver them for you. Please support this worthy program.

Feb.17th at St. Patrick's parking lot, 32.4 lbs. of food products were delivered to St. Martin's food pantry. Thanks to all Knights for your participation. Bob Amato 301 385 1017.

**Chili Cook-off**

Bill Studenic – Event Chairman

Our Second Annual Chili Cook-off, held on Saturday February 15, 2025 was a great success.

Congratulations to Walt and Rose Daku, who won the Trophy for best chili as selected by Judge Paul Boccabella. Mark and Gloria Perez won the People’s Choice prize for the most votes by attendees.

The Council raised approximately \$600 from the event! Thanks to everyone who assisted and who attended. Special thank you-s go out to Bob Amato, Paul Boccabella, GK Gene Kane, and Gloria Perez, who were a godsend,

helping out throughout the evening.

**Mardi Gras Pancake Supper**

Jack Giacalone – Event Chairman

On Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, our council assisted St Peter’s parish by staffing the kitchen and preparing pancake and sausage dinners at the annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper in the parish hall. The event was very successful and I would like to thank all 13 of our volunteers who did an excellent job preparing, cooking and serving over 200 hungry parishioners.

Thank you to: Paul Boccabella, Andy Colliton, Dave Czarnecki, Phyllis Giacalone Don Hemke, Gene Kane, Kevin Kennedy, Dr. Don Memoli, Mark Perez Jim Street, Bill Studenic, Steve Sutkowski, and Pete Townson.

**Grace House / Marion House Events**

Steve Sutkowski – Event Chairman

The Grace House Spring Festival/Party will be held on Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 PM and the Marion House event will be held on Saturday, May 10 also at 1:00 PM. The format for both events will follow the traditional process we have established for the Marion House. More information to follow over the next month. Thanks.

**LIFE ACTIVITES**

**Gene Kane/Peter Wallace Life Programs Director**

**Maryland Right to Life Defends Conscience Rights of Medical Providers**

Contributed by Stephen Goldhammer

Maryland Right to Life was one of only two pro-life organizations who testified against Senate Bill 447 which would force emergency room physicians to commit abortions in violation of their religious freedoms. The bill, which was introduced by Senator Clarence Lam, a democrat representing Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, would create a fine of \$50,000 against physicians who refuse to commit or complete abortions.

Senator Lam threatened that women needing abortions due to medical emergencies may be denied care under the new Trump administration. The bill would codify into Maryland law, not the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act of 1986, known as EMTALA, but the erroneous political interpretation of EMTALA.

The original EMTALA statute was intended to prevent hospitals ERs from refusing care to patients due to their inability to pay. The federal statute does not require providers to perform induced abortions, and instead speaks to the need to care for both the mother and baby during labor and delivery emergencies. However, under a previous administration, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued guidance to hospitals, claiming that the statute requires ER doctors to perform abortions.

*"Induced abortion is never medically necessary. The sole purpose of induced abortions is to end the life of the preborn child" testified Laura Bogley, J.D., Executive*

*Director of Maryland Right to Life. "This state was created as the original Catholic sanctuary colony, for Catholics to be able to practice their faith - that includes Catholic medical providers and Catholic hospitals."*

Senator Justin Ready (R-Carroll County) in questioning the witness panel stated *"We still don't keep track of how many abortions are performed in Maryland- which I think is pretty crazy- but I imagine [emergency abortions] are very, very rare. So we are kind of straining at a gnat trying to find a way we can punish Catholic hospitals."*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fr. Raymond Chalice Presentation**

Don Hemke – Event Chairman

Calling ALL Council Brother Knights in the DC area.

We need your attendance at the St Peter's 9AM Sunday Mass (16 MAR) to help show council support of Fr. Raymond's' initial use of the Gift Chalice from our Council!

Bring your family & help us demonstrate our KofC commitment to help build the Church here in the greater Washington DC area. Even if you CANNOT FIND YOUR council Name Badge, please help your Council Brothers pray for his Ministry!!!!

This is a call to ALL brothers FROM ALL THREE COUNCIL PARISHES!!

Couldn't be an easier way to provide your help! SEE YOU THERE!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Regina Whitman	Brother Knight's spouse
Gary Street	Sibling of Brother Knight
Janie Street	Brother Knight's Spouse
Betty King	Widow of Brother Knight
John Hartinger	Brother Knight
Keith Bielanski	Nephew of Brother Knight
SK Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
D'Almeida family	Brother Knight family
Walter (Fred) Taylor (PGK)	Brother Knight
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Fr. Joseph Simmons, Assoc State Chaplain	25February 2025

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

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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

It feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in March! Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list? Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance. If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make adjustments? Now is the time to check.

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. Our Agency can connect you with one of our team members that is registered to offer you investment options through KoCAA. It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances! I'd love to sit down with you, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please contact me and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you.

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

**SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861**

**"WE STICK TOGETHER!"**

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

## SK William Newbrough, Faithful Navigator



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

### Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification (Revised) for the Archdiocese of Washington District will be held on Saturday, **March 29, 2025** (Founder's Day) 10:00AM.

The Revised Exemplification of Patriotism is a public ceremony and the first full revision of the 4th Degree Exemplification since its inception 125 years ago. This is a great opportunity for Brother Knights to advance to the 4th Degree in the presence of their families! The Revised Exemplification of Patriotism will be conducted at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 22375 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park, MD.

For more information please contact: Gus Gusman, Secretary to the Master, Archdiocese of Washington District, Tel: (301) 537-5461, Email: [Guskoc2169@gmail.com](mailto:Guskoc2169@gmail.com)

## CHAPTER NEWS



**Bishop McNamara Chapter -**  
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**McNamara Chapter Pres – Steve Law**

The September Meeting will be hosted by St. Joseph Manyanet Council 5567.

**Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 8PM (Dinner at 7PM)

**Location:** St. Katherine Laboure School,  
11811 Claridge Rd. Wheaton, MD 20902

## SUPREME NEWS

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

**Source:** K of C Supreme Website

### Thank You for Providing Hope for Ukrainians (by Dennis J. Gerber, Jr.)

**Vice President of Charitable Giving**

February 24, 2025 marks three years since war broke out in Ukraine. Since then, those affected by the conflict — particularly refugees, children, widows and orphans, people with disabilities and the elderly — have received humanitarian aid from Knights of Columbus Charities thanks to donors like you.

Your generosity has helped make possible:

- Humanitarian relief to 2 million Ukrainian people to date
- The distribution of nearly 10 million pounds of food and supplies, more than 300,000 care packages and 60,000 rosaries
- 36 Mercy Centers where refugees received a warm welcome and care
- Generators at nearly every Ukrainian parish with a Knights of Columbus presence
- The distribution of 9,000 winter coats to Ukrainian children
- Support for mental health programs for veterans and their families

Last year alone, we introduced modular housing for displaced families, donated ambulances to help save lives and much more. Watch the [2024 Year in Review](#) video to see the difference Knights are making through your support. Additionally, you can view our new [Ukraine Impact Report](#) for more details on how your gifts have helped those in need.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine and the men and women who are ministering to them.

**MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS**

[Website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)]

**Maryland State Council 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention May 2, 3, and 4, 2025**

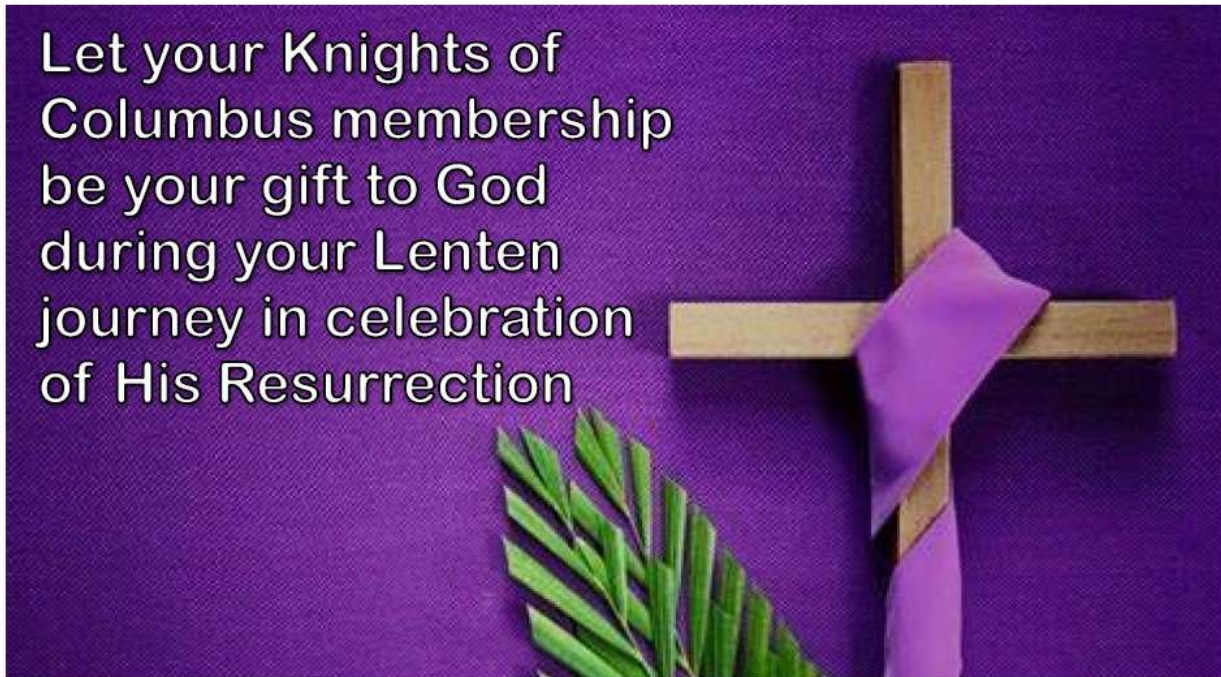
We are days away from opening registration for the 127th convention. Please take note of the changes for the upcoming convention:

Registration opened on December 1, 2024, for everyone. We encourage Grand Knights and Delegates to register as soon as possible. The cutoff date for room reservations was March 1, 2025. However, if rooms are available after the cutoff date, they can be reserved at the convention rate.

There will not be a Knights sponsored Annapolis Sunset Cruise on Thursday May 1st, 2025. The cruise is available for anyone who wants to take part on their own.

The hospitality room will be a combined State, District and Council function with a DJ (provided by the convention), finger food and a cash bar provided by the Crowne Plaza. We are asking districts and councils to donate funds to offset the cost. Your generosity is most appreciated. Make checks payable to KofC MD State Convention and mail to Joe Massimini, Convention Treasurer, 4409 Holmehurst Way, Bowie, MD 20720.

The link for online convention registration will be on the MD State Council Web Site. For more information, please visit <https://kofc-md.org/md-state-convention-2025> or email [convention@kofc-md.org](mailto:convention@kofc-md.org).



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**March 2025  
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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 Fr. Raymond Chalice Pres 9:00 AM Mass, St. Peters	17 Feast of St Patrick	18	19 Feast of St Joseph	20	21	22
23	24	25	26_Social Mtg Execution of Christ 7:30P, OLOG	27 MD March for Life- Annapolis MD	28	29 Grace House Spring Fest. 1:00 PM KofC Founders Day
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Calendar updates are available at any time by checking the Council website. [www.KOFC6793.ORG](http://www.KOFC6793.ORG)