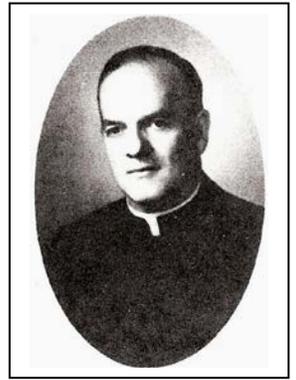


# Father Maher's Knightly News

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

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor  
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I am especially appreciative to address you as your new Chaplain, taking over for the grace-filled and yet humble service provided by Fr. Martino Choi for the previous year. As priests, we take our opportunities for spiritual leadership seriously, and are especially gratified to provide spiritual guidance for a group so dedicated to Our Lady and her Son's Church.

For those who do not yet know me, I have been the pastor at Our Lady of Grace parish for the past year. I was ordained a priest in 2009 after 25 years as an accountant in the DC area, and as a life-long parishioner at St. Peter's in Olney. I joined Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council in 1981 as a young man wanting to work with dedicated Catholic men to reflect the love of God through various activities focused on community service projects, especially for those less fortunate than ourselves, but to do all things knowing we were representatives of our faith and our Church. I credit the camaraderie in service with fellow Knights with my eventual entrance into the seminary in 2005.

God works in funny ways, when He's ready, when He knows we should be ready, and He leads us to what He wants us to do, and then equips us to do what He wants. The world has probably never been in more need of the Knights than it is today. May we live up to our calling as His servants and as servants of His Mother. May God bless us all.

Motto: "Lord, direct our actions to fulfill Your will."

### DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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#### August 15th - The Assumption of our Blessed Mother

Just a quick reminder, Wednesday, August 15 is the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, and is a holy day of obligation.

Another quick reminder, Wednesday, August 13 is State Programs Day at Our Lady of Good Counsel. This is a good way to get the "411" on various state programs that you might have an interest in (recruitment, Tootsie Rolls, proper meeting etiquette, etc.) Everything starts at 7:30 PM and should be completed by 9:30 PM (that includes the hotdogs and chips). This seminar is open to all Knights, especially GKs, DGKs, and committee chairmen.

I think that the installation of council officers went very well (we could have done without the cloud burst, but it kept things cooler in the church.). Did you ever notice that as we search for a new slate of officers, the potential candidate steps forward, and he always seems to be the right guy! I have no doubt that this year's officers and chairman will bring honor to our council. It seems that as our officers are elected and move upward through the ranks, each wants to make sure that they succeed in their roles as knight officers. This willingness to succeed certainly helps make the District Deputy and District Warden's job easier. I know that Kevin and I look forward to being that "conduit" between our council and the State Deputy.

Vivat Jesus

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK Steve Sutkowski, Grand Knight

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I would like to thank everyone who helped out and also attended the officer installation and reception this past month. We received special accolades from our State Deputy on a terrific installation and his thanks for our focus and attention on the new program structure. I would like to give special thanks to Steve Goldhammer, Jim Street, Barb Mazonkey, Elaine Taylor, Fred Whitman, and my wife Liz for help in reception room preparations, drinks, deserts, and bookmarks.

We got a great working demonstration by various teams on the Jeopardy Game simulation created by Chris Romano which was a tremendous effort on his part. The big winners were Father Jim and Paul with a grand total of over 35,000 points and they were definitely the team to beat. We are looking to set this up as a semi-regular feature of our social meetings looking to include both parishioners and also members of our brother councils in our District for team competitions.

Many thanks to Harry Busher for setting up and conducting our Tootsie Roll collections at the Safeway on Norbeck Road and to his team. Also, Innocent did a terrific job with the setting up and conducting our drink bar service areas at the Seminarian Picnic (aka Seminarian Family Day) with various team members. Thanks to Elaine Taylor, we got some terrific photos with the team and Cardinal Wuerl who was extremely appreciative of the Knights and their contributions.

For our Program Directors and also volunteers, please plan to attend the State Program Seminar which we will host at Good Counsel High School on Monday, August 13. For those looking to help out with preparations, cooking hot dogs, etc., please contact Joe Feakes. Also, thanks to the volunteers from our council who are helping at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore in various roles under our volunteer coordinator Jack.

Finally, please find and review our draft budget for this year elsewhere in this newsletter. Comments or recommendations on the budget from our membership are welcome.

We have several Council activities coming up in July and August. Please read about them in this newsletter, check the calendar on the back of the newsletter, and make plans to participate.

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**In Yours in Christ.**

**Steve Sutkowski**

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

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In fact, the Kaiser Family Foundation study found that high deductible plans had a significant bearing on medical debt burdens. Families with high incomes are not exempt from this challenge. Of those struggling under the weight of medical expenses, more than 40 percent were from households with incomes greater than \$50,000. Of those struggling to pay medical expenses, two thirds of respondents cited an acute condition like short term illness or injury, rather than chronic, long term conditions.

While the unexpected budgetary impact of medical expenses is significant, the loss of income during these times magnifies the problem. When the paycheck stops, all types of debt and past due payments ensue.

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## FAITH IN ACTION

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I have had the pleasure of attending two Installation ceremonies over the past two weekends. The first was the Maryland State Council Installation of Officers where I heard the State Chaplain Fr. Joe Jenkins address us and the second was our Council Installation where we were addressed by our Chaplain, Fr. Jim Boccabella. We are truly blessed to have such remarkable and outstanding priests serving with us in the Knights of Columbus. While their addresses were different and had many elements of humor, both touched on our Catholic Faith and our Order.

The Surge with Service Program is now being replaced with Faith in Action and our programs will reflect our commitment to faith-based family programs. Many of our programs are familiar and some are new and offer new opportunities for us to renew our Council families focus on our Church and Parish Life. I invite all of us to join in this renewed commitment to strengthening our Council through parish based activities. Remember to Pray the Rosary frequently.

## ST. MARTIN'S PANTRY FOOD COLLECTION

As part of our Faith in Action Family service programs, we have instituted our Food For Families program. We will be collecting food for St. Martin's Pantry, who provides food to needy families.

There will be a box at all meetings for collecting food items. All food must be unexpired, sealed items. Items in shortest supply are canned soup, canned fruit, pasta sauce, "meals in a can (canned pasta, canned chili, etc.) and dry, unsweetened cereal.

So, next time you are grocery shopping, pick up an item or two and help feed those in need.

## ROSARY AT GRACE HOUSE

Join Brother Knights every Thursday from 4PM to 5PM at Grace House for The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

For more information, contact Stephen Robertson at email: [jitkundough@gmail.com](mailto:jitkundough@gmail.com).

## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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Brother Knights,

The following is my attempt to summarize for our common benefit and edification what I consider a very informative and interesting document prepared by the Knights of Columbus leadership concerning "responses to common abortion arguments." The summary paraphrases much of the document's main points and takes words, phrases and even sometimes whole sentences from the document. I have organized the material in a way that I hope you will find easy to follow

In our last business meeting, I brought several copies of the document for distribution but only one Knight took a copy. Maybe it was because I did not make a good enough case for the importance of what the document attempts to impart to us pro-life Knights.

### RIGHTS

**Pro-choice Argument:** Abortion is a woman's legal right.

**Pro-life Response:** Not everything that is legal is morally legitimate. For example, slavery was once legal and slaveholders had the right to own slaves but slavery was wrong.

It is obvious that in an abortion a human life is ended and the mother is hurt in some way. There is no legitimate right to harm the innocent.

### CHILD ONLY

**Pro-choice Argument:** Pro-lifers are and concerned only for the unborn baby and are uncaring of the mother.

**Pro-life Response:** The pro-life movement today has a distinct "woman-centered" approach that recognizes the unbreakable bond between mother and child. The approach is

the basis for the phrase "Women Deserve Better than Abortion" and for initiatives like "The Second Look Project" and the "Gabriel Project" that address the needs and concerns of women facing an unexpected pregnancy. In addition, there are many more pregnancy care centers than abortion clinics. [www.OptionLine.org](http://www.OptionLine.org) directs those in need to the nearest pro-life center.

### CLUSTER OF CELLS

**Pro-choice Argument:** A baby in the womb is but a "cluster of cells" or "blob of tissue."

**Prolife Response:** Through high resolution ultrasound images parents can see their babies moving and reacting at very early stages. As examples, at 4 weeks, the lungs, stomach and liver are beginning to develop and the heart is already beating. At 8 weeks, the baby has a full skeleton, completely formed fingers, toes and ears. Squinting, frowning and puckering the brow start at 9 weeks. Arms and legs start moving at 11 weeks and thumb-sucking starts at 13 weeks. At 16 weeks the baby is kicking, swimming, and doing summersaults. Not bad for a 4-month old "blob of tissue."

### LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

**Pro-choice Argument:** What is in the womb is not a human being but merely a fetus or an embryo or a zygote (an egg that has been fertilized by sperm, and which could develop into an embryo).

**Pro-life Response:** The beginning of life is not a philosophical, moral or religious issue – it is a biological and scientific one. Scientists know that when a sperm and egg join (defined as conception) a living individual with a unique genetic code is formed. The individual "is a being and being human, s/he is a human being." As such, the child in the womb deserves our protection.

### CHOICE OF WORDS

**Pro-choice Argument:** Pro-choicers say they support a "woman's right to choose" although they are not really in favor of abortion.

**Pro-life Response:** The fact is some choices are not good and the choice to take the life of a defenseless human being is not a choice that should be supported by a just society that claims to provide protection for all. Many women who are offered supportive emotional and practical resources will bravely reject the unnatural "choice" to destroy their own flesh and blood and choose life for their children.

### BACK-ALLEY ABORTIONS

**Pro-choice Argument:** Legalization of abortions prevents women from dying from unsafe "back-alley" abortions.

**Pro-life Response:** Decades after Roe v Wade, women are still being injured, even dying from, abortions. From news reports and malpractice lawsuits we know hundreds of women have died as the direct result of legal abortions.

## PRO-LIFE MAJORITY

**Pro-choice Argument:** Most people favor abortion and want it to remain legal

**Pro-life Response:** A majority of respondents in polls by Gallup and Marist/Knights of Columbus consider themselves “pro-life” rather than “pro-choice.”

## POST ABORTION HEALING

**Pro-choice Argument:** Legalized abortion will “free” women.

**Pro-life Argument:** There is a growing evidence that many women who had an abortion are suffering from a range of physical, emotional and spiritual burdens. In response, the Church, through the Project Rachael ministry, has been providing healing and reconciliation to women and men who suffer from the aftermath of abortions.

## THE DISABLED CHILD

**Pro-choice Argument:** Abortion prevents the pain and suffering of children who will be born with a handicap or sickness. Note: Approximately 90% of unborn children with down syndrome are aborted.

**Pro-life Argument:** While we understand a mother’s desire to save her child from a life of pain, the way to eliminate pain should never be the elimination of the suffering person. No one’s right to life should be determined by someone else’s standard of perfection. It is unjust to set artificial standards of quality of life at the beginning of life

## LIFE GOES ON

**Pro-choice Argument:** The Roe v Wade decision ends the abortion debate

**Pro-life Argument:** There was no legal basis for the decision. Far from settling the issue, it has awakened our nation’s conscience as we contemplate the “legal” destructions of 50 million human beings in the past four decades. Slavery was also thought to be settled law but laws that are contrary to the dignity of the human person can never be considered settled.

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

**SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861**

**“WE STICK TOGETHER!”**

SK Edward Day, Faithful Navigator [www.sullivan2861.org]



**Assembly Business Meetings** are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. See this newsletter’s calendar for details.

## SAVE THE DATE

The next exemplification of the fourth degree will be on October 20, 2018 in Hollywood, Maryland.

**More information will follow in the coming months.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Kevin Kennedy, Chairman, Community Programs**  
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## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2018-2019

Please congratulate these council members who were elected to serve for the fraternal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Grand Knight -	Steve Sutkowski
Chaplain -	Father James Boccabella
Deputy Grand Knight -	SK Fred Whitman
Chancellor -	SK Ramon Bueno
Warden -	SK James Street
Financial Secretary -	Don Hemke (appointed by Supreme)
Treasurer -	William J Kollins
Recorder -	SK Christopher Romano
Advocate -	Steve Goldhammer
Lecturer -	Jack Giacalone
Outside Guard -	SK Gerald W. Hayden
Inside Guard -	Ed Shaffer
Trustee 1 Year -	SK Joe Feakes PGK
Trustee 2 Year -	SK Fred Taylor PGK
Trustee 3 Year -	Open

## MEET YOUR COUNCIL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

Faith in Action -	Fred Taylor
Family -	Joe Feakes
Community -	Kevin Kennedy
Life -	Ramon Bueno

## TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN

Our Tootsie Roll Campaign to provide financial aid for Montgomery County’s Intellectually Challenged Children and Adults kicked off last month and closes on August 5.

The venue for this year’s campaign is at the Bauer Drive Safeway in the Norbeck Shopping Center on 5510 Norbeck Road, Rockville, MD 20853.

Many thanks to Harry Bushar and everyone for another successful campaign.

Thank you for donating your time to help us with this great cause.

## OUR COUNCIL IS IN JEOPARDY

The Jeopardy game that is. We invite our members to attend Jeopardy Game time at our social meeting in September. We will set up some teams to play with various categories including but not limited to our faith, the bible, history, the Knights, and various other topics. For those of you who know the TV version (and that would be everyone) you will be amazed at how much this simulates the actual experience of those TV players. Come and join us for a good time and a good education.

## STATE PROGRAM SEMINAR AT GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL

We will host the State Program Seminar at Good Counsel High School on Monday, August 13 at 7:30 PM. All program directors and activity chairmen are urged to attend since this will focus on the new Faith in Action program structure and activities. We will also need people to help out at preparations, drinks, hotdogs, and snacks. Please contact Joe Feakes to volunteer (e-mail: [Josephfeakes@aol.com](mailto:Josephfeakes@aol.com) or phone: 301-774-0137).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We have an opening for 3-year Trustee on our council. Any member who wishes to nominate himself or someone else should please contact Kevin Kennedy our nominations chair from last year.

## MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

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



## 2018 SUPREME CONVENTION

The 2018 Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD from August 6 to 9. We are recruiting volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success.

The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their families to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties and support opportunities throughout the convention.

Please take a few minutes to review, complete and submit the volunteer information sheet, which is available online at [http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer Information Sheet 2018 BaltimoreConvention.pdf](http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer%20Information%20Sheet%202018%20BaltimoreConvention.pdf).

We will communicate plans and schedules, via email, with our volunteers as we get closer to the convention. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jack Giacalone, Volunteer Coordinator at 301-774-6338 or email: [jgiacal@verizon.net](mailto:jgiacal@verizon.net).

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita	Pastor/St. Peter's Church
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	Past Chaplain/Council 6793
Kayla MacBride	Niece/Fr. Kalita
Bill Gulban	Brother Knight
Barbara Mazonkey	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Audrey Sellers	Sister-in-law/ Fred Whitman
Stephen Robertson	Brother Knight
Jill Durbin	Daughter/ SK Joe Feakes
Sue Worley	Sister-in-law/ Jim Street
Joan Santaiti	Friend/ Don Hemke
Barbara Campanaro	Friend/ Don Hemke
Mary Lou Carta	Sister-in-law/ Jim Street
Janie Street	Wife/ Jim Street
Jamie Singleton	Friend/ Chris Romano
Joe Romano	PGK and Uncle/ Chris Romano
Barbara Shekitka	Wife/ Kris Shekitka
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Helen Chen	7/12/18

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

## FAMILY NEWS

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## November 16 is the night!!

Father Peter Paul Maher Council and the Olney Theatre present the musical

### ELF

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a pre-performance reception at 7PM, center balcony seats and an intermission snack. Regular ticket price is \$75.

The show starts at 8PM and these tickets are limited.

For reservations and/or information contact Joe Feakes  
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## CHAPTER NEWS

**Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963**

[Website: <http://kofcknights.org/ChapterSite/?D=103>]

**McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport**



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. It's a great place to share and learn ideas for your council to participate in!

## SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

### A WISE, LOVING AND COURAGEOUS PASTOR

Words from Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori



### Despite opposition, Pope Paul VI humbly promoted the Church's teachings on marriage and human life.

On **October 14, 2018**, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Pope Paul VI. Pope Paul was elected to the Chair of Peter in 1963, during the Second Vatican Council, and served until his death in 1978. He was responsible for advancing the teachings and reforms of the council, a daunting task which he implemented with wisdom, love and courage.

This saintly pontiff was first and foremost a follower of Jesus. He was a man of deep prayer and rigorous penitence. Steeped in culture, he was an intellectual who followed closely 20<sup>th</sup> century developments in philosophy, theology and contemporary debates that helped pave the way for the council. He showed us a pastor's heart in his profound encyclicals on

authentic human and economic development and on the spread of the Gospel in today's world.

When he issued the landmark encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life, On the Regulation of Birth) in July 1968, Blessed Paul VI addressed the contemporary issue of birth control with the same wisdom, love and courage that characterized his entire life and ministry. Unfortunately, his prophetic teaching was greeted by many with hostility and today remains widely ignored. However, the time has come for people everywhere to discover what many faithful married couples have already discovered — namely, Pope Paul's wise and loving teaching on the dignity of human life and on God's plan for human love.

A deeper look at *Humanae Vitae* reveals that Paul VI did not merely reassert a ban on contraception — rather, he offered a teaching that opens the way for a virtuous respect for the gift of human life and the meaning of human sexuality. Writing in an era of rapid change and social upheaval, he acknowledged that people were grappling with new attitudes toward sexuality and that new methods of birth control had raised questions about the Church's teaching. In fact, many urged the pope to change the Church's teaching out of compassion for married couples. Many also said that relaxing this teaching would strengthen family life and make the Church's mission of spreading the Good News more credible — empty claims that subsequent history has disproved.

Blessed Paul VI knew that shortcuts in matters such as human love, life, marriage and family lead to profound unhappiness and to terrible social consequences. He foresaw an increase in infidelity, the lowering of moral standards, lack of respect for life, lack of respect for women, and the breakdown of the family — all of which and more have come to pass. By contrast, the Church's teaching respects the gift of human life and shows married couples how to relate to one another in a respectful, loving manner.

In *Humanae Vitae*, the Holy Father called upon married couples to form a loving union in the sight of God, a union that is open to the gift of new human life, a love that is total and faithful, a love that is ordered toward the procreation and formation of children in the loving setting of a family. He reminded Catholics and all people of goodwill of the God-given link between the unitive and procreative dimensions of human sexuality. He invited couples to consider morally licit ways to exercise responsible parenthood, rejecting unnatural forms of birth control that do not invite dialogue and cooperation.

Today, many people have awakened to the negative social consequences of the sexual revolution. But awareness is not enough. Evils such as the breakdown of the family cannot be overcome without a renewed appreciation for and practice of the virtues of chastity, modesty and self-control, together with deep respect for others. Pope Paul has shown us the way of wisdom, love and courage. Let us follow his lead.



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**AUG 15 WED -- Council Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**

**AUG 29 WED -- Council Social Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**

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AUG 15 WED    **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World  
AUG 29 WED    **Social Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World



SEP 13 THU     **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center  
SEP 19 WED     **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World  
SEP 26 WED     **Social Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World

► **For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred L. Whitman on 240-550-1007.**  
► **Council Calendar:** View it at: [www.KofC6793.org](http://www.KofC6793.org) (Select "*Event Calendar*" at the left and the current month's calendar will be displayed.) Scroll forward to view upcoming events.) To view **Monthly Business Meeting Minutes** on the website: (On the HOME screen, scroll to the bottom of the page, on the right, select "*Access Minutes*" in the Council Minutes section.)  
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