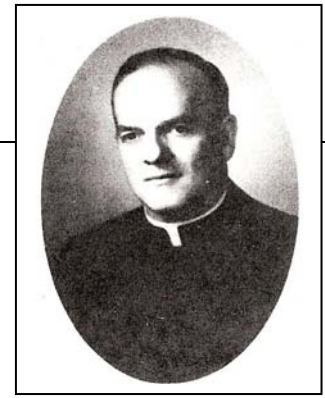


Father Maher's Knightly News



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Stephen E. Goldhammer, Grand Knight



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew, 17:21

Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies, I hope you enjoyed the Christmas holiday season with your family and friends. Thanks to all who supported our annual Breakfast with St. Nick on December 3rd, our special Mass to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's on the 12th, the Council's night out at the Olney Theater on the 16th for a wonderful reception hosted by Brother Chuck and Mary Cozad and fabulous presentation of "The Sound of Music," our Council's Christmas Party on the 18th at St. Patrick's, and our Caroling at Montgomery General Hospital on the 21st. Thanks, also, to those who supported our 'Food for Families' program and provided Christmas 'Shoe Boxes' to the mariners at the Apostleship of the Sea.

On 5 December, I delivered two boxes (one for girls and one for boys) of 'Coats for Kids' to the Montgomery County "Interfaith Works" Clothing Center. The council paid for one box and several council members donated a total of \$195 for the other box. Erin Kauffman, the Site Manager, said a client had been asking for coats and the Center didn't have any. She said they would be coming the next day and they would be very happy!



GK Goldhammer with Erin Kauffman (C), and Ameris Leon

Fraternal Year Motto: *"We are called to do God's work."*

Starting with our Business meeting on 11 January, we will be holding our council Business and Social meetings at 7:30 PM in room 114 of Good Counsel High School. Please note that on your calendar. When you come in the main entrance of Good Counsel, the chapel is directly in front of you and room 114 is the first room to the left of the chapel.

In January, we'll have a District Second Degree on the 10th, a Third Degree on the 13th, a Communion Breakfast on the 22nd, and the annual March for Life on the 23rd.

Please also save the date for our Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance and 'Four Bit' auction on Saturday, 11 February. All proceeds will go to the Apostleship of the Sea ministry. Please call Joe Feakes at 301-774-0137 to volunteer to help.

Please visit our Council website to read the latest edition of 'The Beacon,' the State Council newsletter and view photos of recent Council events.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Jack Giacalone, District Deputy #30



I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we look ahead to the 2nd half of this fraternal year, our thoughts shift from holiday mode back to membership mode. As we know, recruitment is everyone's responsibility and we should plan to increase our efforts to achieve our membership goals for our councils for this fraternal year. I encourage councils to recruit smartly and at every council event. Consider selecting one brother knight who will "work the crowd" looking for a few good men to ask to become members of our Knights of Columbus.

There will be a 2nd Degree on Tuesday January 10 at Montgomery Council at 8PM, candidates at 7:30PM. Also, there's a 3rd degree on Friday, January 13 at 7:30, candidates at 7PM. If you are a first or second degree knight please speak to your Grand Knight to get additional information. By taking your second and third degree it will reaffirm your commitment to the Knights of Columbus, its basic principles and bring you to full Knighthood at the 3rd degree. For all activities scheduled for January please go to our calendar at our web site [www.kofcd30.org/]. May God bless you and your families. *"Maria, make us always aware."*

SICK OR DISTRESSED LIST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRESS DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Fr. Thomas Kalita	Leukemia	Pastor/St. Peter's Church
Helga Ryan	Cancer	Sister-in-Law/John Moore
William Ryan	Illness	Nephew/John Moore
Martin Callahan	Stroke	Friend/John Moore
Donna d'Almeida	Kidney Transplant	Wife/Innocent d'Almeida
Mary Gulban	Alzheimer's	Sister-in-Law/Bill Gulban
Linda Thomas	Cancer	Sister-in-Law/Fred Taylor
Norma Tignanelli	Cancer	Sister-in-Law/Gene Kane
Carl Maio	Cancer	Brother-in Law/Gene Kane
Norma Maio	Stroke	Mother-in-Law/Gene Kane
Fr. Wm. Brailsford	Diabetes	St J Neumann Parish/ T. Firestone
Francis Gregory	Cancer Recovery	Brother Knight
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	General Health	Former Council Chaplain
Louis Krempasky	Heart Issues	Father/Joe Krempasky
Richard Sheehan	Renal Cancer	Friend/ Deacon Cadigan
Stephania Brandt	Incapacitation	Friend/Dana Perry
Dolores Verges	General Health	Friend/Dana Perry
Erin Hackman	Cancer	Friend/Deacon Cadigan
Don Carson	Cancer	Friend/Sumi Arima
Sherrie Mattson	Cancer	Wife/Rich Mattson
Dan Dudak	Stroke	Cousin/Bill Gulban
Ron Pawlowski	Spine Surgery	Cousin/Bill Gulban
Daniel Caggiano	Depression	Friend/Paul McFarlane
Tim & Mary Murphy	Immobility	Friends/Dana Perry
Susan Regan	Autoimmune Disease	Friend/Deacon Cadigan
Caroline Regan	Dementia	Cousin/Deacon Cadigan
Kenneth Irvine	Combat Injury	Son/Brother Mike Irvine
Peggy Colliton	Concussion	Mother/Andy Colliton
Brad MacDonald	Liver Cancer	Friend/Deacon Cadigan
Marge Rosenthal	Lung Cancer	Friend/Paul McFarlane
Brian Hemke	Lung Difficulties	Son/Don Hemke
Alan Register	Stroke	Brother-in-Law/Harry Bushar
Helen Chen	Shoulder Injury	Wife/Homer Chen

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Eugene Lopes	Uncle/Dana Perry	July 2011
Betty Long	Mother/Marc Long	November 13, 2011
Michael Irvine	Brother Knight	December 4, 2011
Vincent Pepper	Brother Knight	December 16, 2011

Please pray for the souls of all our deceased armed forces.



Our website [www.6793kofc.org] contains a link to the MD State Council website [www.kofc-md.org] where you'll find the latest State news. There's also a link to the Supreme Council website [<http://www.kofc.org>] where you can spend quality time getting up to speed on the global reach of our Order.

SUPREME NEWS

- ▶ **STREET NAMED FOR CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS**
- ▶ **PLAZA DEDICATED TO K OF C**
- ▶ **RESTORED PAPAL TOMB UNVEILED**

Vatican City, Dec 7, 2011 [03:22 pm] (CNA/EWTN News) - The Knights of Columbus now have a street to call their own in the Eternal City after Largo Cavalieri di Colombo was inaugurated on Dec. 6. *"It is indeed an honor to share this wonderful occasion of the groundbreaking of the Largo Cavalieri*

di Colombo," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the unveiling ceremony for Rome's newest street sign. *"For nearly a century the Knights of Columbus and the City of Rome have shared something wonderful— a relationship that brought together the best of the old and the new worlds, a relationship that has had to overcome an ocean, a language barrier, cultural differences and even a war,"* Anderson said.

The naming of the street, which is situated next to Rome's historic Baths of Caracalla, recognizes over 90 years of charitable involvement by the Knights in the Italian capital. In the wake of the First World War, Pope Benedict XV asked the Knights to provide activities for the children of Rome. Today, the Knights still run five free sports centers for kids across the city. The historic bond between the Knights and Rome *"is a strong one,"* explained Carl Anderson, *"precisely because it has been tested and because it has survived each test." - "It has been able to do this because it has been based on faith, on our common Catholic faith shared on both sides of the Atlantic,"* he said.



Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson (R) at Sign Unveiling

The inauguration was also attended by dignitaries representing both Church and state, including Mayor Gianni Alemanno of Rome. *"Today is a day dedicated to the Knights of Columbus, a deep friendship binds us to them,"* Rome's mayor told the gathered crowd. The day was rounded off with a concert in the nearby Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli, featuring gospel music from the St. Thomas More Choir of Washington D.C. The Dec. 6 festivities are just part of a week of special events in Rome for the Knights of Columbus.

On Dec. 12, they attended a special Mass to mark the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, presided over by Pope Benedict XVI. With over 1.8 million members, the Knights have a strong presence throughout North and Central America, particularly in Mexico.

In recognition of the Knights of Columbus' near century of service and dedication to the people of Rome, the City of Rome began construction Dec. 6 on a Plaza in the Catholic fraternal organization's honor.

On Dec. 5, the Knights attended the unveiling for 15th-century Pope Innocent VIII's restored tomb, a project funded by the Knights of Columbus. The tomb, which is housed in St. Peter's Basilica, was created by the renowned Italian Renaissance artist, Antonio del Pollaiuolo. It was the first papal tomb to depict a living Pope rather than a deathbed effigy. The restoration project, which was financially supported by the Knights, took nine months to complete.

Cardinal Angelo Comastri, the Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, thanked the Knights for their support and "profound devotion to the Successor of Peter" that inspired the project, in a Dec. 5 statement. He described the restored tomb as "one of the most significant monuments of faith and art in the Basilica" and noted that Pope Innocent VIII was the pontiff "right before the discovery of America." As a token of thanks, Cardinal Comastri gave the Knights a bas-relief cast of the figure of Charity, which tops the burial monument. He hoped it would be a sign of the gratitude the Vatican has for the "silent, humble and invaluable contribution" offered by the Knights to St. Peter's Basilica.



The Restored Funeral Monument of Pope Innocent VIII

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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Rockville, MD—Montgomery County—Instituted Aug 27, 2004

Sir Knight John E. Moore, Sr., Faithful Admiral

[www.sullivan2861.org]



Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our Executive meeting begins at 7:30 PM, followed by the Business meeting at 8 PM. Next meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2012.

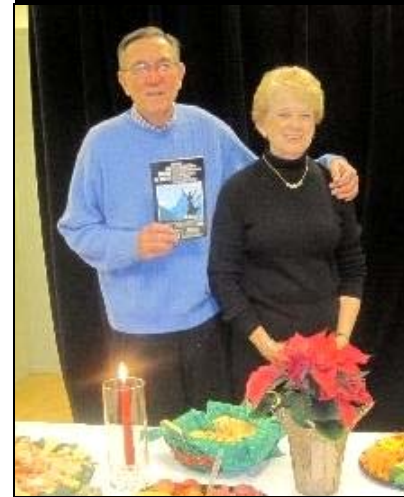
Check out our website where we're featuring a new contest this year. Each month a new trivia question will be posted to this web site [www.sullivan2861.org]. A cash prize will be awarded to the person with the correct answer whose name is drawn at the next meeting. The only hitch is that you must not only submit the correct answer (which should be easy) but you must be present to win!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Our Knight of the month for January is PGK Jack Giacalone. Jack was chairman of our Breakfast with St. Nick activity, attended the Pro-Life Rally at the Germantown Abortion Clinic, served on the Color Corps contingent at the Our Lady of Guadalupe mass, and was a key member of the council's annual Christmas Party committee. He will also chair our January Communion Breakfast committee. He's a valued member of our council. Congratulations to Brother Giacalone!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Brother Cozad and his wife, Mary, at the Olney Theatre

Our Family of the Month for January is Brother Chuck Cozad and his wife, Mary. Chuck has been doing yeoman work for several years as the Recorder for our Council. Once again, he and Mary were on the committee for our annual Inwood House Halloween Party in October. They also coordinated the Council's night out at the Olney Theatre on 16 December to see a wonderful performance of 'The Sound of Music' and graciously hosted an elegant reception at the theater for over 80 Council members and their families prior to the show. Congratulations to Chuck and Mary!

► MISSING OVEN MITTS FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY ◀

If you accidentally took home my oven mitts (one is yellow with the word "HOT HOT HOT" all around it with a wooden ring at the bottom; the other is a big mitt with a brown edge) please call me, Ann Ketter on 301-570-4915. Thanks!

**MASS CELEBRATED FOR
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Stephen E. Goldhammer, Grand Knight



SKs John Moore & Wilsie Adams Escort Wreath of Crowns

On Monday, 12 December, Father Michael Paris, a member of our council, along with Deacons Greg Haman and Mark Starr from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, celebrated a beautiful mass at St. Patrick's church to commemorate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Twelve of our council members and six of their spouses were part of over 200 St. Patrick's parishioners who attended the mass. A wreath containing the crowns made by St. Patrick's organizations over the previous eleven months for use at a mass on the 12th of each month was displayed.

The ceremony was edified by the presence of five Sullivan Brothers Assembly Color Corps representatives and one of the magnificent State Council icons of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In his homily, Fr. Paris talked about the significance of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the application of ancient Aztec symbols to the image.

Mary is shown in a dominant position over all of the gods worshipped by the Aztecs, especially the sun and the moon. She has a rope around her waist signifying her virginity and a symbol to indicate that she is with child. Her hands are folded and pointing to heaven in adoration of the one true God above.

After the mass, the icon was venerated by many of the attendees. A reception in the parish center with Hispanic music followed the celebration.

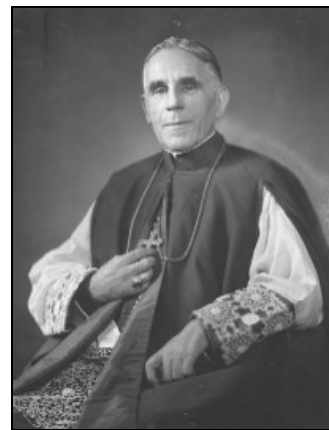


Deacon Mark Starr reads Gospel as Fr. Paris (R) looks on



Parishioners venerate the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon

BISHOP M^cNAMARA CHAPTER NEWS



The next Chapter meeting will be a revamp for the rest of the Fraternal Year beginning 18 January at St. Elizabeth's Council #12796 in Rockville. If you are not a member of the Chapter's Yahoo group, please email Brian Werring Chapter Secretary at bwerring@md.metrocast.net. Also if you have a Facebook account you can join the Chapter Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/173177566072655/>.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

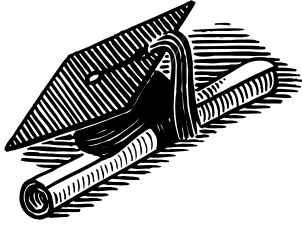
Paul D. McFarlane, PGK



GOD BLESS YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PLENTY!
In December, as in October and November, we collected several boxes of foodstuffs for the needy. These were delivered to **St. Peter's Food Pantry** as part of our "Food for Families" project.

You're welcome to continue bringing non-perishable food items to any of our meetings and other events hosted by our Council. We will deliver these to our two parishes. Call Paul McFarlane [301-633-9439] with questions or suggestion on how to broaden this outreach.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. Application period is from October 1, 2011 to February 1, 2012. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2012. Scholarship information and application information is on the State website at: www.kofc-md.org and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link (preferred) or write to: Maryland State Council - Knights of Columbus 10815 Stang Road - Owings Mills, MD 21117 [Information about the Supreme Council Scholarship Programs is also available on the State website.]

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship - Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, two (2) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years, and one (1) additional grant of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship - Three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. However, children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland are also eligible. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

\$1,000 MATCHING DONATION CHALLENGE



Again this year, an anonymous Council Brother has offered to match your donations to our Seminarians' Fund up to \$1,000! **The challenge is effective through January 22, 2012.** Please make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 6793" and mail it to Stephen Goldhammer, 4816 Powder House Drive, Rockville, MD 20853. As this Brother Knight says, "Here is your opportunity to make an offering to our High Priest and for those who aim to follow Him in the seminary."

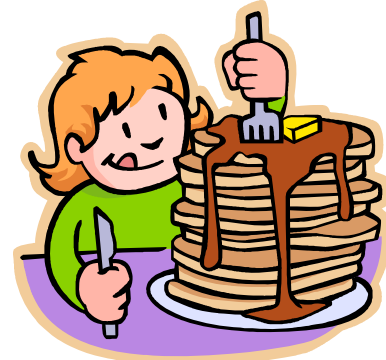
COMMUNITY NEWS

Paul D. McFarlane, Trustee



On Sunday, February 12, 2012, from 3-5 PM, our Council will host a Valentine's Day party for the residents of the Marians Assisted Living Center in Brookeville, MD. Last year, we treated our guests to coffee, tea, sweets, word-matching games, and romantic tunes from a portable turn-table. If you'd like to help and have ideas about how to make this event even better, give Paul McFarlane a call on 301-633-9439.

36th ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE EVENT



Volunteers are needed for this event that's been held since our Council's institution in 1976! See flier attached to this newsletter for details.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

By Paul McFarlane, PGK

Here's one more reason to be proud of the great work that our Order is doing throughout the state and the world!

In his remarks, featured on page-2 of The Beacon [December 2011 Edition] State Deputy Peter Davio said, *"Many of us were especially touched by the personal experience of giving wheelchairs to our military veterans during November 10th through 12th. They had so many stories to share; some of them making us realize just how lucky we were not to have experienced what they did during their tours of duty. More importantly while delivering those wheelchairs to the five facilities we selected, we acquired many new stories. There were so many stories, that I have asked our State Newsletter Editor Vernon Hawkins to run a special edition just on the season of giving – with a specific focus on the wheelchair program and our "coats for kids" project. That issue will be released much later in the month. Keep an eye out for it."*

As a backdrop to Davio's remarks, an article with the headline, Knights of Columbus Donate Wheelchairs and Lap Robes for Veterans at the VA Maryland Health Care System was featured in the online publication, Red Orbit.com. It contained the photo below, with the caption, *"Dennis H. Smith, director of the VA Maryland Health Care System, accepts more than 65 wheelchairs from the Knights of Columbus State Council."*



The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus donated more than 65 new wheelchairs for Veteran patients at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System on Nov. 12, 2011 to mark this year's Veterans Day. The wheelchairs, totaling more than \$13,300 were presented simultaneously at the Baltimore VA Medical Center, at the Perry Point VA Medical Center and at the Loch Raven VA Community Living & Rehabilitation Center. *"The ability to freely move about unassisted is something we all take for granted until it is taken away,"* said Peter Davio, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, who delivered the keynote address at the ceremony.

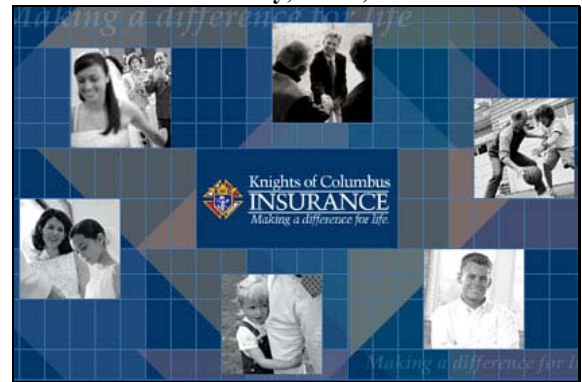
"The wonder that many Americans are willing to serve our country in the military at great personal risk - even to the possibility of loss of life - is something we too often take for granted. This chance to give wheelchairs to our servicemen and women is our opportunity to remember and treasure both," said Dario, an 8-year Veteran of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Service.

In partnership with American Wheelchair Mission since 2003, the Knights of Columbus has funded the donation of tens of

thousands of wheelchairs around the world and in the U.S. *"Today is a day of gratitude—not for the gift of these wheelchairs, but for the sacrifices Veterans have made in service to our country,"* Dario said. Read the full story at [<http://www.prweb.com/releases/prweb2011/11/prweb8979089.htm>].

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Bob Callaway, FICF, LUTCF



WE STAND STRONG ON ETHICAL GROUND

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Father Michael J. McGivney. Much of the strength and financial security we provide can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards. These are visible throughout the Order, from our fraternal programs and support of the Church and its teaching to the investment strategy of our assets.

"What sets us apart is what Standard & Poor's refers to as the 'very conservative' approach we take in managing our \$16 billion in assets," said Supreme Knights Carl A. Anderson in his 2011 address at the Supreme Convention. *"We place 'a very high value on the society's reputation'."* This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it. *"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography,"* said Anderson. *"There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."* In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come. *"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance,"* said Anderson. *"But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."*

To learn more about our products, contact me today.
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**COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN
“1,000 FOR LIFE” PRO-LIFE RALLY**

Stephen E. Goldhammer, Grand Knight

On Monday, 5 December, eight council members and four of their spouses joined over 2,000 people at the Germantown Abortion Clinic in a peaceful, prayerful protest against Dr. Leroy Carhart on the first anniversary of his operations at the clinic. During the past year, Dr. Carhart has performed over 720 mostly late-term abortions. 720 wooden crosses were erected to commemorate the aborted babies. The protest was led by Dr. Grace Morrison and Fr. Marcel Guarnizo. They have demonstrated outside of the clinic every Monday morning for the past year and, due to their efforts, 17 mothers decided not to abort their babies. Dr. Morrison said we are sending a national message that People of Faith will not tolerate this heinous crime. It may be civil, but it's barbaric. Germantown is the 'ground zero' against abortion. We're 'at war against abortion. This is a crime scene.' She said 'We are the Body of Christ' and she encouraged us to express our holy outrage by protesting with her every Monday so we can 'sacrifice and suffer for those who have no voice.'

Mr. Michael Martelli of the Maryland Coalition for Life said the state coalition (Republicans and Democrats) is re-convening after many years of inactivity. He encouraged us to 'Stand up for Life.' Fr. Marcel said 'This is the human rights issue of our time' and '...the Knights need to demonstrate to defend the honor of God. In closing, Dr. Morrison said 'We are one nation, under God; not above God, not below God, not without God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, born and unborn.'



Jack Giacalone (R), Our Lady of Guadalupe Council GK Rob Nyikos, GK Goldhammer, John Moore, Don Hemke Patricia Moore, and Phyllis Giacalone at Pro-Life Rally



[L-R] Mimi Cuddeback, Council Member Ron Kiss, Jackie Flaherty Pose Nearby Some of the 720 Crosses

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Jack Hangen, Council Pro-Life Chairman



Dr. Grace Morrison addresses the Pro-Life Demonstrators

On the morning of December 5, nearly 2,000 pro-life activists, including many brother Knights, prayerfully stood in front of the Germantown Reproductive Health Services to mark one year since late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart relocated business there. Protesters displayed 720 crosses to memorialize the estimated 720 babies who have been aborted since Carhart relocated his late-term abortion business to Maryland after his home state of Nebraska outlawed the grisly procedures. Our country needs your continued prayers for an end to abortion and an increase in the respect for life. The St. Peter's Pro-Life Prayer Partners suggest the following prayer at least once daily:

Heavenly Father, Creator of us all, we pray that your children may see that every life you create is wonderfully made, a reflection of you, with a purpose, and ever the recipient of your boundless mercy and love. Amen.

YOUTH NEWS



**MARYLAND STATE 2011
“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”
POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

Prizes: 1st Prize/\$100.00, 2nd Prize/\$50.00, 3rd Prize/\$50.00

Category 1 (Grades 1-3)

- First Place - Nikki Nelson/Council #1470
- Second Place – Emma Braddy/Council # 5058
- Third Place – Greg Marlon/Council # 2605

Category 2 (Grades 4-6)

- First Place – Bayley Lindsay/Council # 10966
- Second Place – Shannon Gorecki/Council # 7870
- Third Place – Sarah Morris/Council # 2274

Category 3 (Grades 7-8)

- First Place – Gabriella LoPresti/Council # 8736
- Second Place – Amber Patrick/Council # 2274
- Third Place – Joseph Breen/Council # 14011

CHURCH NEWS

COUNCIL AGAIN SUPPORTS ST. PETER'S – BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

At 6 AM on Saturday, December 3, 2011, a small contingent of Council 6793 Knights opened the kitchen at St. Peter's Parish Hall to set up for the "Breakfast with Saint Nick" event. Our mission was to have sufficient pancakes and sausages cooked and ready to serve attendees at the 9 AM seating. Our Council has upheld this tradition for many years and it's gratifying to serve our church in this way. Everyone had their assigned roles so that the cooking and serving operations were flawless!



Batter Boys (L-R) D. Hemke, A. Colliton, S. Goldhammer



Cooks (L-R) J. Feakes, J. Krempasky, J. Moore, D. Hemke, A. Colliton Work Their Magic in St. Peter's Kitchen

Operations outside the kitchen were skillfully handled by a contingent (approximately 12 strong) of Santa's elves, who took guests' food orders and brought them their steaming pancakes and sausage meals. St. Peter's Parish Hall was abuzz with diners and an eager stream of children who jostled for a place in line to visit with St. Nicholas. The Jolly Elf, himself, presided over a stage laden with Christmas trees, colorful light displays and of course, a beautiful crèche with figures of Mary, Joseph, the infant Christ Child, wise men, shepherds, and assorted animals.



Servers (R-L) Bob Mazonkey, K. McFarlane, Barbara Mazonkey, G. Hayden prepare plates for Santa's Elves

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Father Joseph Rogers, Chaplain



In the photograph above, Chaplain, Fr. Rogers, says a beautiful, spontaneous prayer for those gathered at the December 3, 2011 Breakfast with Saint Nick event. Father's prayer reminded us of the true reason for the Christmas season as we prepared for the birth of our savior, Jesus. Afterward, he led us in saying grace for the first meal seating and was prevailed upon to lead grace for the second meal seating as well!

VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE/4-BIT AUCTION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012



SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 11, 2012 for this romantic evening of food and fun! We have a D/J and a caterer. The menu is lining up and we plan a beer/wine bar to be included in the \$35 per person ticket price. See flier, attached.

We ask Council members to donate suitable auction items, perhaps a Christmas gift that's not "quite you" may be re-gifted! (Auction proceeds will benefit the Apostleship of the Sea, a State sponsored program.) Call Joe Feakes [301-774-0137] for reservations, questions, and auction donations.

VALENTINE'S DINNER * DANCE and 4-BIT AUCTION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012



- **Enjoy Music, Dancing, Romancing... and GREAT DINING TOO!**
- **PLACE:** St. Peter's Parish Hall
- **TIME:** 7 – 11 PM
- **COST:** \$35/Person Includes Open Bar
- **RESERVATIONS:** ASAP, but no later than Saturday, February 4, 2012!
- **QUESTIONS:** Call Joe Feakes [301-774-0137] for reservations and auction item donations. (*We'd like to have auction items by 2/4/2012 as well.*)



36th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day 2012
SATURDAY * FEBRUARY 25, 2012 * 8 AM to 2 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church Hall Olney-Laytonsville Road (Rt. 108), Olney
(Across from Olney Library)

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**Sunday, January 22, 2012, Following the 9 a.m. Mass at the
Parish Hall, Saint Peter's Parish, Olney**

Scrambled Eggs, Egg Soufflé, Pancakes, Sausage, Bagels
Mini-Danish, Assorted Bagels, Butter & Cream Cheese
Coffee & Orange Juice

Cost: \$10 per Adult, \$5 for Children 3–10 years old, and Free for Children under 3



Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Grace M. Morrison

Leader of the Monday morning prayer vigil at the Germantown abortion clinic.

We dedicate this Communion Breakfast to LIFE.

Please join us as we pray for the 720 babies that have been aborted this past year at the
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Please place your reservation no later than Tuesday, January 17th,
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

JAN 01 (SUN)	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)
JAN 04 (WED)	Council Executive Meeting, Cottage on Marian Grounds, 7:30 PM
JAN 06 (FRI)	Feast of the Epiphany /First Friday – Take your sons to 7:15 PM Mass!
JAN 10 (TUE)	District Second Degree Exemplification, Montgomery Council #2323, Derwood, Candidates report by 7:30 PM
JAN 11 (WED)	Council Business Meeting, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Room #114, 7:30 PM << <u>New Time & Location!</u>
JAN 13 (FRI)	District Third Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of Mercy, Potomac. Candidates report by 7 PM.
JAN 16 (MON)	Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday
JAN 19 (THU)	Sullivan Brothers Assembly at Council #2323, Executive Mtg. @ 7:30 PM Business Mtg. @ 8 PM
JAN 22 (SUN)	Council Communion Breakfast after 9AM Mass at St. Peter's with special guest speaker. See flier herein.
JAN 23 (MON)	Annual March for Life, Washington, DC [http://www.marchforlife.org/]
JAN 25 (WED)	Council Social, Speaker: Larry Grayson, State Pro-Life Chairman, Spouses invited. Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGS), Rm. #114, 7:30 PM
FEB 01 (WED)	Council Executive Meeting, Cottage on Marian Grounds, 7:30 PM
FEB 08 (WED)	Council Business Meeting, OLGC, Room #114, 7:30 PM
FEB 11 (SAT)	Valentine's Dinner, Dance, & 'Four-Bit' Auction. St. Peter's Parish Hall. Proceeds to Benefit the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry. SAVE THE DATE! See flier herein.
FEB 12 (SUN)	Valentine's Day Party for Residents of Marians Assisted Living, 3-5 PM
FEB 16 (THU)	Sullivan Brothers Assembly at Council #2323, Executive Mtg. 7:30 PM Business Mtg. @ 8 PM
FEB 20 (MON)	Presidents Day
FEB 22 (WED)	Council First Degree, OLGC, Room #114, 7:30 PM . Candidates report by 7:30 PM.
FEB 25 (SAT)	36 TH Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with Lion's Club. St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney See flier herein.
FEB 29 (WED)	Ash Wednesday

For more information or to participate in any of the above events, call Stephen Goldhammer, GK on 301-570-9613.

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