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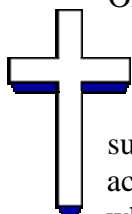
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# Summertime

## Chaplain's Message



On August 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption. Our Lord in honor of his mother did not allow her body to be corrupted. Mary's example of her submission to God "Be it done unto me according to your will" is the expression of what we are called to do in our lives.

Mary's simple "fiat" shows us how we should respond to God. This submission leads to a life of fulfillment. It is quite the opposite of the self-motivated way of life. Mary was content in being the handmaid of the Lord.

Remember that Mary is our faithful intercessor-- just as she interceded for the family at the Wedding Feast of Cana ("They have no wine") so now she intercedes for us.

In our daily prayer, we are reminded of the many spiritual blessings that surround us and continually draw us to God. God wants our happiness and that happiness is found in God. – in loving God and our neighbor as ourselves.

This month would be a good time to start the daily recitation of the Angelus which the Holy Father recites each day at noon. A midday moment of prayer and quiet reflection helps remind us that our day is dedicated to God.

Thanks and God bless.

Deacon Greg

*Gregory Rapisarda, Deacon*

## Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brother Knights and Ladies. I trust everyone is surviving the balmy summer

temperatures. Like the summer weather the fraternal year is beginning to heat up. Our car raffle chairman, Dave Custer, is fast at work getting set for another hopefully profitable year. This year unfortunately, or fortunately, we will not be able to set up in the Harford mall due remodeling. Because of this we are in need of ideas for selling the tickets. Contact Dave or myself with any ideas.

On the heels of the car raffle is another big fundraiser namely the Tootsie roll campaign. Once again Don Litz will lead this effort. This year however I would like two volunteers to assist Don with running the two sites were we collect these contributions. The duties of the site Captains would be, the reminder calls to those who signed up for the drive, set up of the locations and close down at the end of the day. This program is an important one as the funds generated are given to organizations in the county that assist the mentally handicapped. Please consider giving of your time in this most worthwhile cause.

On the social calendar the big upcoming event is the Installation of Officers. The installation will take place during a Mass beginning at 4:00 pm on Sunday August 27 2006. The Mass will count as your Sunday obligation. Immediately following the Mass will be a cocktail reception and dinner. The event should prove to be enjoyable and a 5 star chef is preparing the food. Mike Fay is the point of contact for reservations. Cost for the installation is a nominal \$15.00 per person. Plan to join in the festivities.

Golfers, mark your calendars for the annual Golf Outing set for September 10 at Exton Golf Course. Cost for the day including round of golf with cart, food afterwards and door prizes is a nominal \$35.00. The outing is open to family and friends of members of K of C. Point of contact for

reservations is Ray Caralle or Bernie Classon.  
Come hack a round with the best of them.

At the next business meeting on August 1 there will be a First Degree. Members of the team we will proceed with the new format. Any member sponsoring a candidate please contact the prospective and have them there. Candidates by 7:30 pm with the meeting and degree beginning at 8:00 pm.

Fraternally,  
Tom Classon GK

*Thomas Classon, Grand Knight,*  
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### **District Deputy's Message**

Happy to report that most District 16 Grand Knights have signed up to attend the Grand Knight's Seminar at Emmitsburg. Much helpful information will be presented and will help you in getting a head start developing, planning and managing your council's programs throughout the year.

All Installations in our District will take place during the months of Aug. and early Sept. Show your support by attending your council's Installation.

This is the time in the Fraternal Year when most councils throughout the state are busy with the Incentive (car raffle) program. Keep in mind that the more tickets your council sells, the more money they earn. Each council keeps 60% of the total sales. This is a great and easy way for councils to get cash to support programs throughout the year. The State portion is used primarily to support the Scholarship Program and for charity.

The Columbus Day Ball and Parade will be held on Oct. 7 and Oct. 8 respectfully. It isn't too early to start thinking about attending the Ball and Parade. The Ball is always a fun night with fellow knights enjoying dining and dancing. Hopefully, District 16 will be well represented.

Please mark your calendars for the following Aug. events:

Aug. 10 – Baltimore Chapter Meeting @  
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen #7612

Aug. 19 – Financial Secretary and Tax Seminar @  
Fr. O'Neil #4011

Aug. 20 – Baltimore Chapter Installation

Aug. 22 – Membership & Program Seminar @  
Cardinal Gibbons #2521

Aug. 26 – Testimonial for IPSD State Deputy @  
Cardinal Gibbons #2521

*Vivat Jesus, Ross Liberati, DD District #16*

### **Sick and Deceased**

Your prayers are requested for all the Brothers, Ladies and Family Members and Friends who are experiencing serious health problems at this time, especially:

Brothers: Jerry Shoal; Michael Lazzari; Paul Manager; Richard Iardella; Bernie Classon; Bud Strappelli; and William Collins

Ladies: Marie Manager; Pat Wilhelm; Kitty DiDio, Juliette Drouin; and Marlene Hirsch

Relatives and Friends: Bernie DiAngelo, son of Frank and Jean DiAngelo; Colleen Joy, daughter of Bob Joy; Susan Sutera, daughter-in-law of Tom and Flora Sutera; Mildred Herold's great-granddaughters, Sophia and Anna Belle; Jerry Weeks, father of Ron Krebs' daughter-in-law; Phyllis Russo, sister of Marion Oliva; Rev. Martin Burnham, Associate Pastor of St. Margaret's Church.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Relatives and Friends: Michael Hicks, son of Deacon Charles Hicks, St. Marks Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Please join us 15 minutes before our Business Meeting for the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers, please get in touch with me.

*Victor V. Ferrara (410) 569-4171*

### **Programs**

#### **Council Activities**

Looking for committee chairman, if interested, contact an officer.

## **Community Activities**

### **BINGO**

Bingo Workers Appreciation Night is scheduled for the second Sunday in September, Sep 17th. Thanks Charlie Mack for taking care it.

There is, very likely, a once in a life time opportunity to join the bingo team. Positions are available leading quickly to management positions. Salary is commensurate with experience. Many fringe benefits, including a week off every other week. To take advantage of this opportunity let any of the bingo workers know.

### **Birthright**

The Council celebrated "Christmas in July" again this year by providing baby supplies and money to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Bel Air. Thanks to all who donated clothing and supplies for baby's comfort. And, thanks also to the Knights Ladies and the Council for their cash donations.

### **Seniors Program**

Saint Margaret Church has again invited the council to host the December luncheon for seniors in the parish. This is a very worthy and satisfying challenge. We have many of our members lined up as servers. What is needed now is for a member to step up and take charge of the meal. We have experienced people available to help guide a new team. Please call me.

An essay contest for seniors is in the making, details to follow. Chairperson needed.

### **Cabaret**

Natalie and Earnie Boyd will again be hosting a cabaret night starting up again this fall. Music, soda, beer and snacks for a night on the town – only \$5.00 per-person. Bring yourself and friends on the fourth Sunday night of the month

### **Tootsie Roll Program**

We are looking for two field captains who would manage sites designated by Don Litz, our chairman. Mainly set-up and collect the money at the end of the day. Please see Don to help when we do this in October.

*Rennie Bucci*

## **Family Activities**

No news.

## **Church Activities**

Looking for committee chairman, if interested, contact an officer.

## **Youth Activities**

### **Old Business:**

Congratulations to Evan Conley for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age group at the State Soccer Shoot-out last November.

### **New Business:**

As always, Youth activities will be supporting our Cub Scout Pack 999, Boy Scout Troop 999, and Venture Crew 999. It will also be running three events this year. All the youth events are open to the children and grandchildren of our Council. We would like to see them all there. Please contact an event chair below if you are interested in helping out. If you have another idea for a youth event please contact Stephen Conley at 443-417-7538.  
Soccer Shoot-out in SEP (Ages 5 to 18): event chair, Bob DiSilvestro  
Free Throw Championship in JAN (Ages 10 to 14): event chair, Mike Lazarri  
Substance Abuse Contest in JAN: event chair, Rob Lapin  
Scouting: Troop 999 is looking for an adult Religious Educator to work with the Scouts on their religious emblems, interested call Stephen Conley at 443-417-7538.

*Stephen Conley (410) 417-7538*

## **Knights' Ladies Korner**

"Strive for excellence, not perfection." Last month I asked for God's help and I got it. You all survived my first meeting as President and I did not faint or run. These were my initial goals and they have been achieved. Next I will work on starting on time and saying next month instead of next week. Maria Vigilante has agreed to continue organizing the cake list and to lead a prayer. Ana Grigaliunas is our new 50/50 raffle chairperson and Martha West will continue with her Reflections. I had the privilege of giving Mary Jane Zarachowicz the

Award for the Knight's Ladies - Lady of the Year. We presented Birthright with a check from the Ladies for \$500 and a table full of items for babies birth to 4T. Catherine Collins accepted the gifts and expressed how much our gifts will help these young mothers and their children. She thanked the ladies for their generosity. I announced that we are trying to use e-mails when available and update the phone tree. We passed out a survey to identify what we each want from the Knight's Ladies. I know what I want.

I want each of us to know how special we are and how lucky we are to have each other. We have each other's support and after meeting with the men's Activity Committee last Wednesday I realize how much support we have from the men. I thank Tom Classon for inviting us. Also thanks to Frank DiAngelo for offering to make a tri-fold brochure for the Ladies to help with recruitment. I am in awe of what we have here. We can ease burdens and share joys. We can feed the hungry, comfort the sick and encourage the young. We can respect ourselves and teach the young how it is done. To those of you who are already helping, keep it up and thank you. To those who have not yet started, welcome, please join in. To those who have a need, please let us help.

We are looking forward to exciting new activities as well as some familiar favorites. New this year we will be our first annual 'Visit from Santa'. We are looking for as many good Santas as you can find. We will provide the suit and beard. All we need from you is your time and Santa-like personality. Duties are visiting homes of good little boys and girls, finding out if they have been naughty or nice, wishing a merry Christmas and leaving them a candy cane. The parents get a photo opportunity (possibly for Christmas cards), the kids get Santa and you help raise money for our many needs. Hope you decide to join us.

Please plan to shop at the Festival on a Monday evening in Dec. and then eat dinner at Bob Evans across the street. We keep 10% of all money taken in that night. (Date TBA.)

Have you all had a chance to see the Knight's Ladies Garden on Hickory Avenue in front of St. Margaret Church? During August a statue of St. Francis of Assisi will be placed in the garden. This

statue was donated by Dave and Diane Custer. It is a new design and we are the first in the state of Maryland to get this statue. The Garden Committee will be planning a dedication of the garden this fall around St. Francis' feast day, October 4th. If you are a new member or not a member of the Knight Ladies yet but want to join, this is a great activity to jump into.

Come February we can chase away the winter blahs with our Marti Gras Dinner and Dance, chaired by our very own Cajun import Betty Bourgeois. With a name like that you know she can find the best jambalaya, beads, masks, music and King cakes. Who will be the King and Queen of the Marti Gras? Not Emeril. Maybe YOU!

Next spring we can wear our new Easter hats and white gloves to a High Tea and discuss how to spend all the money we have raised! Our daughters and granddaughters can share the experience and even bring a friend or favorite doll. Would anyone want a fashion show at the same time? Come sign up!

The men want to watch football games at the hall this year and Pat Rebbert and I want to watch the Ravens win too! We are trying to find a Sunday game that works with the schedule so we can all put out the best tailgate feast ever. A great family event.

If you think all this sounds good, I am glad. If this makes you think of something else we can do, even better. And if this makes you want to come and be part of the fun, then I thank God, because we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. "'I'm only human' is no longer an excuse... it is a goal!" God bless and keep you safe.

*Alicia Rappold, Knight's Ladies President,  
(410) 879-0854*

**Birthdays:** Roni Dunford – 8/04; Sharon DiMatteo – 8/16; Owena Liberati – 8/18; Jean Milham – 8/08; Marylee Reeger – 8/16; Sharon Vanden Eynden – 8/05.

**Anniversaries:** Jean & Frank DiAngelo – 8/08/53; Alicia & Tom Rappold – 8/17/74.

**Reminder:** Please remember to bring items for Anna's House. Trash bags, toilet paper and paper towels are always needed.

**Santa Visits:** Santa visits start 11/27/06. Tom Rappold will have the sign up sheets at the next men's meeting or call Alicia at 410-879-0854 or Diane Custer at 410-803-0925. Email sign up is encouraged at [tomnalia@comcast.net](mailto:tomnalia@comcast.net). The cost of the visit is \$10 per family. We already have a good response of families who want a visit. We need Santas and drivers. This is one of our major fund-raisers this year.

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in our Council Home.

BEL AIR COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**RAFFLE**  
1ST PRIZE: \$300.00  
2ND PRIZE: \$50.00  
DRAWING TO BE HELD SAT., OCTOBER 21, 2006  
AT BULL & SHRIMP FEAST  
*NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN*  
TICKETS: \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00  
BENEFIT OF LOCAL CHARITIES.  
DONATIONS, GIFTS, ETC. GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

For tickets, Ed Staniewicz (410) 529-7114

**BULL & SHRIMP  
FEAST**  
  
**October 21, 2006**  
  
**Dancing**  
**Music by Norman & Carlo**  
  
**Contact**  
**Charlie Mack**  
**(410) 879-2110**

### **Dates to Remember**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 8:00PM Business Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30PM Corporate Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7:00PM Ladies/Social Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:30PM Officers/Directors Meeting

### **Special Recognition**

Bob Michel (wife Helen) has been a member of our council for a long time. They will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on August the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Editor's Message**

From the new editor.

I feel that I'm getting a little use with terminology here calling myself the editor. I really only plan to be the person who puts together into a single package input from council members who are out there doing all of the good things that you do. I feel that I have some pretty big shoes to fill taking this task over from Rennie Bucci who has been putting out such a great publication. I've mirrored his work the best that I could given the completely different word processing systems that we use, so hopefully things haven't changed too much. In addition to creating the print edition, the Councilair is published on the Bel Air Knights website. Check it out at <http://belairknights.org>. If you have any constructive criticism or would like to provide newsletter input, feel free to contact me.

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