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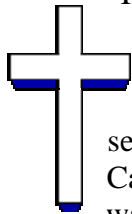
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Chaplain's Message



This month we honor all saints and all souls. We call to mind and heart all those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of Jesus Christ. We know that God's desire is for all of us to live in relationship with Him in this life and for all eternity. Pope John Paul II said that "God can only will the salvation of those whom He has created." Contrary to what some may believe, God does not send us to hell. Hell is reserved for those who willfully turn away from God (Catechism 1036). The Catechism states that in the Eucharistic liturgy, the Church implores the "mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance." As Knights, we chose to live for God and attempt to do God's will. By virtue of the "communion of saints" the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf. (Catechism 1055).

Let us remember our deceased relatives and friends and pray with confidence to the Father that they share the joys of heaven. When we say "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we are praying for ourselves because God's will is that we all be saved and live eternally. This prayer applies to us, to those who have gone before us, and to all who will be born. Consider attending daily mass during this month in thanksgiving for God's salvation and for someone who is recently deceased.

Gregory Rapisarda, Deacon

Grand Knight's Message

Once again Charlie Mack has come through with a bang up Bull and Shrimp roast. The sell out crowd was treated to some fabulous food, good music and lots of entertainment on the wheels. I was also delighted to see almost as many Brother Knights holding tickets as were working the event. To call this affair a success is an understatement. Thank you Charlie and Marge for all your hard work.

The beginning of November means the end of the Tootsie roll campaign. A large thank you is due Don Litz and his site captains, Jack Bauernschub and George Naused, for their diligent efforts. As of this writing over \$2400 has been turned into the Council treasury. Not to be forgotten are all the volunteers who braved the elements and endured the balmy evenings collecting these funds. Thank you one and all for your efforts.

To all Second Degree members mark your calendar for the Third Degree on Friday November 10 at Mason/Dixon Council. This is a perfect opportunity to take that final step to full Knighthood in our Order. If you will be making your Third Degree on this date contact FS Dick Belmonte or myself.

Also on the calendar our next tailgate party is scheduled for Sunday November 12. The game has a 10'clock start. Doors will open around 12:30. The first tailgate was a lot of fun as anyone who attended will attest, so bring the family and join in the fun. This is also a perfect opportunity to introduce a prospective member to some of the Council members and maybe urge them to join our ranks.

Remember your can goods for the Thanksgiving food drive. On Saturday November 18 the baskets will be assembled. Frank DiAngelo will require a small crew to assist with this part of the project. Even more help will be needed on November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, to deliver the baskets. Then return to the Council home for a turkey dinner thank you.

Our annual Memorial Mass to honor those who have preceded us to the final reward for a life well spent is scheduled for November 21 at 6:30 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the meal preparation following the Mass. No volunteers, no meal.

If you have not already done so, please consider a contribution to the Maryland State Council Charity fund. In the recent Councilairs you should have received a letter briefly explaining this program as well as a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience. Be as generous as your budget will allow.

As we head into the holiday season keep in your thoughts and prayers those who cannot be with loved ones this year. Especially our military men and women in harms way protecting our freedom.

Nancy and I wish each of you and your families a Happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Together we can achieve great things.

Thomas Classon, Grand Knight, teclasson@comcast.net (410) 838-0378

District Deputy's Message

I am happy to report that I am on my way to a full recovery after my accident. I spent one week in intensive care and one week in Rehab. I was sent home on Sept 23 from Rehab. The Doctors and Therapist at the Rehab center felt I was progressing well enough with Rehab that I could continue with the program on my own at home. Rehab is a slow and painful process. However, I keep working at it and am determined to achieve full recovery. Hopefully, I will be well enough to begin making the monthly council visits soon. In the meantime I owe a debt of gratitude to DW Bob Hickey for continuing to make the monthly council meetings and keeping the Councils in District #16 informed. I also want to thank everyone for the many Mass and Get well Cards, Phone Calls, Visits and Prayers. All were sincerely appreciated. I am convinced that the prayers and get well wishes from friends are what help one get through any ordeal.

November is the month when we remember our deceased brothers and sisters. We begin the month with the observation of All Souls Day, then memorial Masses are celebrated for our deceased Brother Knights and Sisters. Remember to include the widows and widowers in your celebrations.

The State Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Nov. 26 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Forest Glen. Following the Mass, a reception dinner will be held at Father Rosensteel Council #2169. The cost of the dinner will be \$19.00 per person.

On Nov. 11, let us remember and pray for the men and women serving our country.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving. You may want to adopt a needy family for a day or assist in a food drive by donating and delivering food to those less fortunate.

If you are planning to attend the State Convention in May, remember to make your reservations early. The hotel will begin accepting calls after 9:00 AM on Nov. 1. Rooms go fast, call early for reservations.

The State Soccer Finals will also be held in Nov. Bel Air and Corpus Christi Councils will be participating this year. The date of the shootout will be forthcoming.

Nov. 7 is Election Day. Get out and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Owena and I, along with the DW Bob Hickey, wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus, Ross Liberati, DD District #16

Insurance

A wise man once told me that time surely flies in the life insurance business. Without doubt, time flies for you, our fraternal leaders, as well. Even though our fraternal year is not yet half over, June 30 will be here before we know it. Since we all have our sights set on the Star Council Award, now is the time to work towards that goal. The purpose of my column in this issue is to remind you of the wonderful opportunity we have to help our Order grow, and to offer a couple of suggestions on how we can best do that.

The month of October brought the Order wide membership "blitz" recruitment campaign. Now is the time to follow through with all the interested prospective members we spoke with during October. Let's make them members during November.

I can help, not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of joining the Order. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership “sale” yourselves.

I asked you to “give me a seat at the table” when laying out the council agenda for the fraternal year. Call me today. I’ll help in any way that he can.

Edward O’Keefe (410) 569-6141

Membership

The Knights of Columbus Membership Recruitment Blitz, conducted twice each fraternal year, has proven to be a successful method of reaching potential members. The Supreme Headquarters not only used a Maryland idea to recruit new members but produced an entire new series of promotional brochures that were informative and eye appealing for all to read.

The Bel Air Council Membership Committee invites all Knights to participate in a membership blitz. If you do not think you could be a part of a blitz, I urge you to carry a Form 100 and informational brochures on your person or brief case or in your automobile, and have it ready to be given to a potential member. Ask him and invite him to become a knight in the largest Catholic, fraternal, family organization in the world. When you recruit a new member the rest is history.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank DiAngelo, Membership Director (410) 838-5019

Sick and Deceased

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

Brothers: Ross Liberati; Rennie Bucci; Bernie Classon; William Collins; Jerry Shoul; Paul Manager; Joe Rink and Richard Iardella.

Ladies: Owena Liberati; Pat Bucci; Kitty DiDio; Marlene Hirsch; and Mary Jane Zarachowicz.

Relatives and Friends: Colleen Joy, daughter of Bob Joy; Bernie DiAngelo, son of Jean and Frank DiAngelo; Mildred Herold’s great-granddaughters, Sophia and Anna Belle; Phyllis Russo, sister of Marion Oliva; and John Sampniato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Relatives & Friends: May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please join us 15 minutes before our regular 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

Program Director’s Message

If you have an idea for a program that our Council might be interested in doing, please contact Stephen Conley at 443-417-7538. All assistance is appreciated.

Church: We are looking for a Church Activity Chair. Someone to oversee the activities planned and keep the officers updated on resource requirements, etc. If interested see Stephen Conley, DGK or Tom Classon, GK.

Council: We are looking for a Council Activity Chair. Someone to oversee the activities planned and keep the officers updated on resource requirements, etc. If interested see Stephen Conley, DGK or Tom Classon, GK.

Stephen Conley knightsfc@gmail.com (443) 417-7538

Council Activities

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

Investment Club

As most of you know, our car raffle was not very successful this year due to the ongoing renovation of the Harford Mall. This is always our major fund-raiser. The investment club, which many of you have either purchased or sold tickets is now our major fund-raiser. I mailed out 300 tickets. To date, I have received payment for 126 tickets. If our council is to continue to do the good work that we do, we must be more successful with our fund-raising. If you have received tickets that you cannot either purchase or sell, please return them to me and I will forward them to someone else. To those who have purchased tickets, the council thanks you.

Vivat Jesus

Ray Caralle, PGK RCaralle@aol.com (717) 382-1383, 1087 Main Street, New Park, Pa. 17352

Home Corporation Club Steward

As many of you know, Ross has taken on the responsibilities of District Deputy and the Home Corporation has appointed me as Club Steward. First I want to thank Ross for the time he spent instructing me on the duties and sharing his organizational methods.

The Home Corporation has spent a year investigating and formulating several policies that are fair to the members yet competitive with other banquet facilities in our area. The price guides and policies are available to the members upon request by calling me at 410-638-6489. Basically, there is a substantial discount to members who have been in good standing for two years.

The Knights of Columbus is a "faith based initiative" and like any other charity the funds to function need to come from a source, either the pockets of the members or a revenue source like the Council Home rental. My only request is that we try to avoid member rentals on Saturday night since that is the most profitable rental evening. Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry Wagner, Club Steward (410) 638-6489

Community Activities

Anna's House

Thanks to our Ladies for their generous donations of supplies to Anna's House.

Seniors Program

Senior Citizen's Essay Contest:

Contest is open to all male and female senior citizens sixty years of age and older.

THEME: What does "Living Our Faith" mean to me?

RULES:

- (1) All entries MUST be typed or computer printed, black ink, double spaced on standard 8 1/2 X 11 inch unlined white paper.
- (2) Limit, 500 words or less.
- (3) Entries must be mailed via USPS (or hand delivered) NOT E mailed.
- (4) Entries MUST be received by State Chairman, Bernie Classon on or before February 15, 2007.
- (5) Entries will be returned to Grand Knight of council after State Convention.

(6) No entry can be submitted that has been previously published or entered into another contest.

(7) There is NO ENTRY FEE.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at 2007 State Convention in Ocean City.
Good luck to all entrants.

Bernie Classon, FDD, PCJ, State Chairman Senior Citizen Program.

Cabaret

Charlie Belli, along with Natalie and Earnie Boyd are again be hosting a cabaret night. Next one is November 26th. Time 7pm to 10 pm, with a dance step review from 6pm to 7pm. Music, soda, beer and snacks for only \$6.00 per-person. Bring yourself and friends. For information call Charles (410) 836-9966

Rennie Bucci

Family Activities

Congratulations to Paul and Mary Jane Zarachowitz, the August family of the month. They were randomly selected at Supreme to receive the Holy Family statue.

Congratulations also to Rennie and Pat Bucci, and Charlie and Marge Mack for being selected as the family of the month for September and October, respectively.

Please fill out and return the Brother Knights survey forms that were handed out at the October meetings. The information on this survey will be very helpful in filling out the family of the month form each month. Keep in mind that being selected as family of the month is an honor. A copy of the survey is included in this newsletter and can be found on the Council's website.

If you have any ideas about possible family events or would like to nominate a family of the month, please contact me at home or by e-mail tlj@comcast.net. FYI--the family of the month nomination does not have to be a Council member. If you know of a deserving Catholic family that should be honored please let me know.

Terry Lijewski, tlj@comcast.net (410) 879-5872

Youth Activities

Bobby Di Silvestro chaired the annual Bel Air Council Knights of Columbus soccer shootout at the Arena Club in Churchville. There were 22 children who participated in the event. Congratulations to the winners listed below who now move on to the District Competition.

AGE	Boys Winner	Girls Winner
<6	Justin Lazzari	Claire Bockstie
7-8	Andrew Larson	Ellie Bockstie
9-10	Kyle Di Silvestro	Julia Doggett
11-12		Nicole Wojcik
13-14	Spencer Lazzari	

We are looking for a volunteer to run the Free Throw Contest in January. If interested contact Stephen Conley knightsfc@gmail.com (443) 417-7538.

Knights' Ladies Korner

It seems our reputation precedes us. And by us of course I mean me. My husband Tom and I were having a very nice time at the Bull Roast last Saturday night when I notice that three of St. Margaret's priests, including the pastor were at the entrance looking around uncertain where they should sit. I alerted the Grand Knight, Tom Classon who greeted them and showed them their table. I introduced myself and a light went on in Father Martin's eye as he said, "Yes, I have heard of the Ladies of the Knight." Bod-a bing, bod-a boom! Blush!

It is nice to be able to have fun with good people that you like and trust. The food was perfection, the dancing crazy and I know everyone had an outstanding time. Charlie and Marge, you and all of the workers did an amazing job. It has been awhile since I had so much fun. Thank you!!

The Ladies Cake wheel brought in \$200. So far the Santa visits have brought in about \$150. We will have a fund-raiser at Bob Evans again this year on December 4th from 4 to 9 PM. Bob Evans will give us 10% of all sales and they have also given us two raffle baskets because we promised 100 people would come, so help us keep our word. We have pledged \$1000 to Birthright and Anna's House this Christmas and we need you to support our fund-raisers. You will be eating anyway, so please come and eat at Bob Evans December 4th!!

The Santas will be hearing from me in the next couple of weeks. Please let me know if you have a Santa suit and beard or if you will need one. We have several and I can make boot covers as needed. The Council suits have been dry-cleaned and they look surprisingly good. I will bring them to the hall for fitting.

The November meeting is the Memorial Mass. There will be food served after the Memorial Service. This is our last get together before Christmas events so bring your money and sign up for the Christmas Dinner on December 10th at the Bayou in Havre de Grace. Also please bring \$5 gift cards from Wal-Mart and/or Target to the November meeting. These gift cards will be used as ornaments on a small Christmas Tree that will be given to the residents of Anna's House and delivered by a Knight dressed as Santa. There are eight families currently living there.

Thanksgiving wish to our Knights Family: "If we learn to forgive ourselves, to forgive others, and to live with Thanksgiving, then we need not seek happiness. It will seek us." God Bless and keep you safe!

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

Dates to Remember

Nov 3	BINGO
Nov 10	BINGO
Nov 11-12	Men's Retreat
Nov 14	Turkey Roast
Nov 14	KC Club Meeting
Nov 17	BINGO
Nov 19	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
Nov 20	Monday Night Football Party
Nov 21	Annual Memorial Mass
Nov 21	Ladies/Social Meeting
Nov 22	Officers Meeting
Nov 24	BINGO
Nov 26	Cabaret
Nov 27-Dec 16	Santa Visits

Message from State

The Incentive Raffle winners were drawn and announced at the Columbus Day Ball last Saturday. The winner of the car or pickup is Ann Pierce from Columbia. She purchased her ticket at the Howard County Fair. It is not known what council sold her the ticket. The winner of the TV is Kim Gueterman from Laytonsville. The ticket was sold by St. Paul Council #11105. It was purchased as the council sold tickets after Mass at St. Paul's in Damascus.

Thanks to all the councils who participated. Exact figures will be announced later. Preliminary counts show that over 159,000 tickets were sold. Through your efforts over \$60,000 will be added to the scholarship fund. That also means that approximately \$95,000 was kept by the councils to be used for their charitable works this year.

We thank you for your efforts,
Chuck Bogdanowicz and Steve Upton

Message from Supreme

New Haven, CT - Oct 26, 2006 The Knights of Columbus announced today that it will sponsor a “spiritual pilgrimage” with Pope Benedict XVI as he travels to Turkey in late November. Knights, their families, and all Catholics are being asked to pray daily for the Pontiff during the trip, which begins on Tuesday, November 28 and concludes on Friday, December 1.

Knights will pray for the pope’s intentions beginning on November 26, the Sunday before the pope departs (the Solemnity of Christ the King). In addition, the Knights of Columbus will print and distribute cards with a special prayer written by the Order’s Supreme Chaplain, Bishop William E. Lori. Knights and others joining in the Spiritual Pilgrimage will say the prayer each day during the pope’s trip.

The prayer asks that the pope’s visit will bring about “deeper ties of understanding, cooperation, and peace among Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, and those who profess Islam.” And it asks that “Pope Benedict be kept safe from all harm as he prays, bears witness to the Gospel, and invites all peoples to a dialogue of faith, reason, and love.” The full text of the prayer appears below. A PDF file of the prayer card can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/>

“Only a few Catholics can physically travel with the Holy Father to Turkey,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said, “but millions of us can be united with him in prayer during his pilgrimage for peace.”

“We will ask Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for the pope during this journey,” Anderson continued. “Mary is regarded with special esteem by people of the Islamic faith, and this is especially true under her title Our Lady of Fatima, since Fatima was the name of the prophet Mohammed’s daughter.”

Text of prayer for Knights of Columbus Spiritual Pilgrimage

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, we humbly ask that you sustain, inspire, and protect your servant, Pope Benedict XVI, as he goes on pilgrimage to Turkey – a land to which St. Paul brought the Gospel of your Son; a land where once the Mother of your Son, the Seat of Wisdom, dwelt; a land where faith in your Son’s true divinity was definitively professed. Bless our Holy Father, who comes as a messenger of truth and love to all people of faith and good will dwelling in this land so rich in history. In the power of the Holy Spirit, may this visit of the Holy Father bring about deeper ties of understanding, cooperation, and peace among Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, and those who profess Islam. May the prayers and events of these historic days greatly contribute both to greater accord among those who worship you, the living and true God, and also to peace in our world so often torn apart by war and sectarian violence.

We also ask, O Heavenly Father, that you watch over and protect Pope Benedict and entrust him to the loving care of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, a title cherished both by Catholics and Muslims. Through her prayers and maternal love, may Pope Benedict be kept safe from all harm as he prays, bears witness to the Gospel, and invites all peoples to a dialogue of faith, reason, and love. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer composed by Bishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain

Editor’s Message

The Councilairs is also available in electronic format on our website. In order to view it, you must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader program installed on your computer. This is a free program that you can download from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. The Councilairs page is on the BelAirKnights website <http://belairknights.org>.

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