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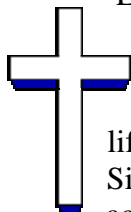


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Chaplain's Message

LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS



Life- As Catholics, we are called to respect life at all stages - from the unborn to the dying. Since God is the author of life, our thoughts and actions should be directed to respecting the dignity of each human person. Respecting life can start with simple kindness toward others and treating others with the dignity which each person deserves.

Liberty –During his visit to Baltimore, Pope John Paul II said: “Liberty is not the freedom to do what we want, but the freedom to do what we ought.” Our freedom allows us to make decisions. As responsible citizens, we make those decisions in accordance with Church teaching. Freedom comes with the responsibility to act rightly. We use our freedom to respect life.

Pursuit of happiness- Psalm 16:15 says “You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone.” Seeking God is seeking happiness. God desires our happiness and wants peace for us. Each of us is free to pursue the happiness of a relationship with Jesus and to help others find that happiness. The “pursuit of happiness” does not look toward our own personal pleasures but the good of all. Pope Benedict XVI has repeatedly said to the young men and women of the world: "The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy, has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth."

As we celebrate our independence, we are mindful of those in the world who do not enjoy our freedoms- those who are in the midst of war and who suffer daily at the hands of their government. We also keep in our prayers those who have died or have suffered for our freedoms.

In his message to Congress in 1982, Pope John Paul II told the Senate and House of Representatives:

“You are called to be courageous advocates of human rights – especially those inalienable rights proclaimed by your own Declaration of Independence: the right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. To defend and protect human life, to help all your brothers and sisters live as free people pursuing that true happiness willed for them by the Creator – this is indeed a splendid mission.”

We continue on that mission today. May the Lord give us the grace not only to enjoy but also to defend life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

As we embark on the new fraternal year I look forward to working with the newly elected officers, I have a high degree of confidence in their dedication to our Council and our goals. This Council has a long history of cooperative effort to achieve its goals and I am confident we will again this year. There are several unfilled activity positions, if you can lend your time and talent in the areas of Church, Council, Community, Family or Youth please contact me or the Deputy Grand Knight Steve Conley. Let us ever be united in charity and work for the greater glory of God.

The date, August 16, is drawing nearer for the Council night at the ball game; see Dave Custer for tickets before they are gone. It should prove to be an enjoyable evening; ticket price includes buffet meal, souvenirs, the game of course and fireworks afterwards. Last years tickets went like hotcakes do not delay.

The return of the Family picnic is set for July 14. That's a Saturday afternoon. Tom Rappold and Ed Staniewicz have put in many hours to ensure this is a fun event for every member of your family. So plan to attend and bring the kids, the grand-kids, grand-ma and grand-pa to enjoy a delightful day in the sun. This may also be a great chance to invite a prospective member to see first hand what being a Knight is all about. The picnic will be held at the Council home and the cost is very minimal, FREE!!

Calling all party throwers. The 50th anniversary of the Council charter will be coming in December 2008, while this event will occur during my successor's term the ground work needs to begin now. A steering committee will need to be formed to plan how best to celebrate this monumental day. The Home Corporation has begun the planning stages for sprucing up the Council home in preparation for this milestone. In cooperation we can make this event one to remember.

Recently on the State website was posted a link to an organization called "The Catholic Military Organization". The patron of this site is Fr. Vincent Capodanno, the "Grunt Padre" who was KIA in Vietnam attempting to rescue a fallen Marine. For his efforts he was awarded the MOH and is now being considered for sainthood. The purpose of the link, http://www.catholic_mil.org/html/care_req_theworks.php is to send a spiritual care package to a service member serving overseas providing you know their field address. Councils in the Maryland district are being asked to support this effort. Check out the link and see if this program may be of interest to you.

Remember always the deceased members of the Council and pray they rest in peace. Also remember those who put themselves in harms way that we may enjoy our freedoms and pray for their safe return to loved ones.

It is together we can achieve great things.

Thomas Classon, Grand Knight teclasson@comcast.net
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District Deputy's Message

The Council Year is rapidly coming to a close and the new Council Year will be upon us soon. It has been a rewarding and exciting year for me which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I extend my appreciation to the Worthy State Deputy for allowing me to serve the State council as a District Deputy for District 16. My thanks to the Grand Knights, Officers and Brother Knights of the district for their support, cooperation, courtesies and hospitalities extended to myself, my wife, Owena, and the DW Bob Hickey, during our visits throughout the 2006/'07 Fraternal Year.

My congratulations to all the outgoing and incoming Council Officers. To the outgoing officers for a job well done and to the incoming officers for their willingness to step forward and accepting a position of leadership in their respective councils. Approach all challenges, and there will be many, with a positive CAN DO attitude. Reflect on the successes your council enjoyed this past year and use the lessons learned in planning for future programs. With God's Blessing, a lot of initiative, dedication and hard work you can make things happen and enjoy a banner year.

Let's close out the '06/'07 Fraternal year on a positive note by making sure the following reports are completed and forwarded to Supreme.

Election of Officers – Form 185 – to Supreme 1, Jul.

- Service Program Personnel Report – Form 365 – to Supreme 1, Aug.
- Semi Annual Council Audit Report – Form 1295 – to Supreme 15, Aug.
- Annual Report of K of C Round Table – Form 2629 – to Supreme 30, Jun.
- Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) Form 2867A – 30, Jun.

These Reports can be downloaded from the State WEB Site – www.kofc.org.

With God's Blessing We Continue to Live Our Faith

Vivat Jesus,
Ross Liberati, DD District #16

Insurance

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed council leaders. I'm sure you have a list of things that you want to accomplish during the coming year. I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is likely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

What would be helpful to all of us would be an early start on those goals, rather than waiting until May or June. Let's get an early start on award season this year.

Edward O'Keefe (410) 569-6141

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: Bernie Classon; William Collins; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Joe Rink; Pat Ruckle; Jerry Shoul and Vernon West.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume; Juliette Drouin; Marlene Hirsch; Owena Liberati; Barbara Staniewicz and Martha West.

Relatives & Friends: Bernie DiAngelo, son of Frank and Jean DiAngelo; Mildred Herold's great granddaughters Sophia and Anna Belle; Bonnie Meadowcroft, wife of Frank Meadowcroft; Helen Michels, wife of Robert Michels; Shari LoPresti, daughter-in-law of Salvatore LoPresti; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois.

Deceased Member, Ladies, Relatives and Friends: Please remember in your prayers the following people who have passed away during the month of June 2007:

Mario Baca; Margot Irene Tiano; Mary Lijewski, Aunt of Terry & Pat Lijewski; and James Moss, Brother-in-Law of Paul & Mary Jane Zarachowicz.

May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

One of the most powerful prayers in our religion is the Most Holy Rosary. Please try to pray the Rosary every day.

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 Notes

Brother Knights, everyone joins the Knights of Columbus for different reasons. When you joined you brought to the council a specific combination of time, talent, and treasure. It may have been a desire to assist your Church, get involved in Community activities, help build a Family environment, or become involved supporting Youth. You may have an affinity for theater, or would like to spend Friday nights with friends assisting at Bingo.

You have probably seen the following logo.



The logo talks to Service.

We are about to begin another Fraternal Year. There are many ways you can get involved and serve. There are five activity areas, Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth. We have a Degree Team that needs members if the theatrical flare is your strength. You could volunteer to be the Activity Chair of just assist with an event. There's on Friday night Bingo that never turns down assistance.

We are about to begin the event planning for the upcoming Fraternal Year and this next year is going to be exciting. The Council just purchased a Banner to be posted on the baseball field at John Carroll High School and we can expect to begin supporting John Carroll events next school year. What activities do you like to do? What programs or events do you think the Council should host? How can we become more involved with our Catholic Schools, St. Margaret's and John Carroll? How can we provide more support to our Churches?

Your officers are looking for your ideas and service. If there is anything you would like the Council to consider hosting or a service your interested in providing please contact me as your program director: Stephen Conley, 443-417-7538 or knightsfc@gmail.com.

Council Activities



Ironbirds Baseball Game

See Dave Custer for tickets to the Ironbirds game on August 16, game time 7:05. Tickets are \$22.50 and include the game, souvenirs and food in the left field picnic area prior to the game. Opponent will be the Staten Island Yankees.



Bull and Oyster Roast

A Bull and Oyster Roast will be held at the Council on Saturday September 22, 2007. Food service will be from 6-10pm, with music provided by DJ's Norm & Carlos from 7-11pm. This event will be catered by Atlantic Catering, so everyone can enjoy their evening. The extensive menu includes pit beef, ham and turkey, oyster stew, fried oysters, oysters on a half shell, lasagna, fried chicken, kielbasa and sauerkraut and much more. The cost of the Roast is \$35, and tickets will be on a first come first serve basis. This event is expected to be an sell out so collect the moneys and get your tickets early. Tickets are now available and will be distributed when money is received.

For additional information please contact Chairman Terry Lijewski via e-mail or phone (tlj@comcast.net or 410-879-5872). Your support of this event would be greatly appreciated.

Terry Lijewski, Chairman (410) 879-5872

Family Activities

Congratulations to Bernie and Mary Sporney for being selected as Family of the Month for June.

Gentlemen, please help in filling out a Knights survey form and submitting it to me via e-mail, snail mail, or at a meeting. A survey form can be obtained at the Council or from the previous Councilairs. Filling in the survey and forwarding it to me would be greatly appreciated. It really helps in preparing the Family of the Month form. <http://belairknights.org/BrotherKnightSurvey.html>.

Thanks in advance.

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

Family Picnic



Date: July 14, 2007

Time: 12 noon to 5 pm

Place: 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill MD

Come to a family and friends get together! Picnic will be held outdoors with tables and chairs under cover. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of side dishes as provided by our members. Beer and soda available. Desserts also included.

There will be games and activities for all. Open to all Knights, Knights Ladies, their families, extended families and their invited guests.

The best part is that there will be no charge to anyone!!

Contact Ed Staniewicz at 410-529-7114 or Tom Rappold at 410-879-0854 and let them know how many people will be attending from your family or for more information.

Card Night

2nd Monday of each month, 7:30 til 11 pm, at the Hall. Contact Dave Custer 410-803-0925 for more info.

Knights Ladies Korner

The results are in and we have our new officers for 2007-2008. LuAnne Belmonte is stepping up to Vice-President, Mary Sporney is our new Treasurer, Pat Lijewski has accepted the Secretary title and I will continue as President for another year. I am so happy to be allowed to work with these exceptionally talented Ladies. But at the same time I am selfishly sad to see Pat Rebbert step down after many years of service. Thank you Pat.

The Birthday Party was a big hit! Everyone had a great time and the food and gift bags were wonderful. Many thanks to Mary Sporney who organized and ran this event. She had strong support from LuAnne Belmonte, Marge Mack, Pat Lijewski and Yvonne Herring.

The garden at St. Margaret Church is looking especially nice these days. My thanks to Ronnie, who stepped forward with plants, mulch and a talent for trimming the tree. We have also purchased hoses to get water from the white building to the garden during this hot Maryland summer.

Next month we will have 'Christmas in July for Birthright'. A representative from Birthright will come to accept a check from the Ladies as well as all of the goodies that individual members contribute. Bring your gifts for children, birth to toddler, to the July social meeting. There is always a great need for disposable, especially diapers.

We have the names of the young adults from St. Margaret Church, who are preparing for Confirmation. We are asking all of the men and ladies to pray for these teenagers as they hear God's voice calling them to maturity in faith. We gave a lot of names out at the June social meeting and we still have several names left. Please let Pat Lijewski, or me know if you can pray for our Confirmands and we will get you their name.

Please plan to attend the Men's Family Picnic. It will be held at the Hall, July 14th from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The men will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and the ladies are providing their special side dishes and desserts. Beverages and games are provided and admission is free. All members of the Council, their families and any invited friends are welcome. The men have put a lot into this so I hope to see all of you there.

In God We Trust!

Alicia Rappold, Knights Ladies President (410) 879-0854

Dates to Remember

- Jul 3 Business Meeting
- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Jul 6 BINGO
- Jul 10 KC Club Meeting
- Jul 13 BINGO
- Jul 14 Family Picnic
- Jul 17 Ladies/Social Meeting
- Jul 20 BINGO
- Jul 25 Officers Meeting
- Jul 27 BINGO
- Jul 29 5th Sunday Mass/Breakfast - St. Margaret Church

State Message

Reflections

by Lawrence P. Grayson

The Bedrock of Society

The family, established by marriage for the good of its members and the begetting and raising of children, forms the basic societal unit, the foundational element with which society is built. It is through associations of families that larger societal entities are formed -- neighborhoods, towns, cities, states, nations. Pope John Paul II underscored the importance of the family to the country when he addressed the United Nations General Assembly in 1979, stating: "No nation on earth, no political system can think of its own future otherwise than through the image of these new generations that will receive from their parents the manifold heritage of values, duties and aspirations of the nation to which they belong."

It is the family that gives birth to the country's citizens, and it is the family that is the first and foremost entity for educating children, forming their characters, teaching them to know and love God, and for helping them to develop and practice values such as responsibility, respect, discipline, restraint, loyalty and cooperation that are essential to their personal development and future life in society. The Second Vatican Council declared that the parents "role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it.

A healthy society requires enduring families, established by marriage and headed by a mother and father. Pope Benedict XVI has stated that "the sacred institution of marriage is vital to the well-being of every nation. It is the indispensable foundation of family life and the primary source of cohesion within communities...any hope for renewal of society which does not adhere to God's plan for matrimony and the family is destined to founder." Throughout history and across cultures, civilizations have flourished only when they have built their human relationships on the bedrock of marriage and stable families -- a truth that is being ignored today.

Marriage and the family in America -- and in Europe -- are threatened by an emphasis on materialism and self-gratification, a replacement of God in daily life with an ideology of secularism, and the creation of laws and government programs that show preference for alternatives to traditional family arrangements. At the root of these trends is a misguided idea of freedom, conceived not as what one ought to do to fulfill God's plan, but as a license to pursue one's selfish desires. Ironically, prosperity and scientific advances, which should provide the leisure and security from want to allow more emphasis to be placed on eschatological ends have become ends in themselves. Selfgratification, whether it is sought through wealth, power, prestige or pleasure, is replacing the self-sacrifice that is needed in marriage and in raising a family. In the pursuit of material gain, the obligations of family life are viewed as obstacles, and children as burdens rather than blessings.

Easy access to divorce, cohabitation, gender ideologies, same-sex unions, contraception, sterilization, abortion, and other social aberrations are undermining the family and the future well-being of the nation. Today, half of all first marriages in the United States end in divorce; the rate rises to 60% for remarriages. Over the past quarter century, the proportion of children in the United States being raised in two-parent homes has declined from 76% in 1981 to 67% today -- while the proportion of children living in single-parent homes has risen by almost two-thirds. When the third millennium began, 64% of all black children, 36% of Hispanic children, and 14% of white, non-Hispanic children in America lived in single parent homes. The resulting effects are ominous and indicate a nation in moral and cultural decline. Research has shown that 63% of youth suicides, 90% of runaway children, 85% of children with behavior problems, 71% of high school dropouts, 85% of youths in prison, and over 50% of teenage mothers are associated with fatherless homes. With its significant influence on child development, the family has an irreplaceable role in the well-being of society.

As Catholics and members of the Knights of Columbus, we can do our part by assuring that our families are stable, vigorous and God-centered. We can lead our children and grandchildren in family prayer, teach them the elements of the Faith, provide a continuing Catholic education for them, make religious events, such as Baptisms, First Communion and Confirmations, into celebratory affairs, show them by example what marriage and family life should be, and let them know that they are loved. As parents and grandparents, we, in turn, will be richly blessed.

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

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