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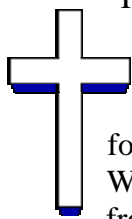
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Chaplain's Message

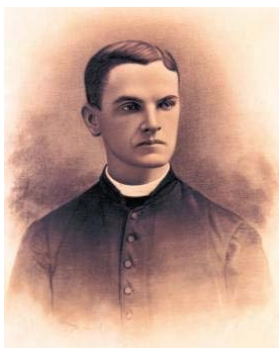


The Knights of Columbus should be proud of the work which it does to support family and pro-life issues. The Knights provide foundational support for the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for studies on Marriage and Family located in Washington D. C. at Catholic University across from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is incorporated under the name of the Knights of Columbus Family Life Bureau, Inc. The mission of the Institute is to "provide a comprehensive understanding of marriage and family faithful to the Catholic magisterial tradition" in light of the Second Vatican Council and the teachings of Pope John Paul II. The financial support to the Knights allows the Institute to confer pontifical degrees. The former Dean of the Institute and current Vice President is Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Knight. Through the support of the Knights, the Institute continues to uphold the family as a way of life. School districts throughout the country have attempted in elementary schools to advance alternative lifestyles. It is vital that the Knights of Columbus and organizations like it continue to support the traditional family and the teachings of the Church in the midst of a society which might reject or dilute these teachings.

It is also encouraging to know that the Knights have made a significant contribution in supporting the Church.

We continue to encourage couples to seek marriage and the blessings of the sacrament of matrimony.

Deacon Greg Rapisarda



Grand Knight's Message

There are still several Director Positions unfilled. I am asking for any assistance in filling the positions of Community, Council, and Youth. Contact myself or DGK Steve Conley if you are willing to help in these areas.

Attention First Degree members, there will be a Second Degree at the Council home on September 10. Candidates should arrive prior to 7:30 pm. The Degree will begin promptly at 8:00 pm. Attire for the Degree is coat and tie. This is the perfect time to take that next step toward full Knighthood. If unable to attend this degree there is another scheduled for October 18 at Notre Dame Council or October 24 at Patapsco Council. Contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary if any of these dates suit your schedule.

First up on the social calendar this fall is Monday night football beginning September 10 when the Baltimore Ravens take on the Cincinnati Bengals game time 7:00 pm. Come out enjoy the game and share in this social activity with Brother Knights. This is also a great opportunity to introduce a prospective member to the Council members in a relaxed atmosphere, so if you have someone in mind you think belongs in our organization bring him along also. This event is open to members and their family as well.

Time is closing in on the Bull and Oyster Roast. If you do not have your tickets better hurry as this is sure to be a sell out. September 22 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm is the date to remember. The menu is quite extensive and should appeal to a varied palette. See Terry Lijewski for tickets as they are moving fast.

October means Columbus Day and that means the Social highlight of the State Council year, the Columbus Day Ball. The ball is a black tie gala held at the LaFontaine Bleu. This year's ball is set for October 6 from 7:30 -12:30 pm. Tickets for the ball are \$42.50 per person. See the Grand Knight for reservations if interested.

Following the Columbus Day ball is the annual parade in downtown Baltimore. Sunday October 7 is the date for this annual event. Step off is 1 pm. Shuttle service from Dundalk Council begins at 11:45 am. The route this year has changed and will go around the inner harbor, Key highway to Light Street to Pratt Street ending in Little Italy. This should prove to be a pleasant walk. Come out and enjoy the day and show your pride in being a Knight.

With the car raffle winding down our attention is now focused on Tootsie roll. Ron Krebs is the chairman this year and will need our support. Beginning the first weekend in October, Thur. the 4th through Sat. the 5th, and every weekend in October, we will be collecting at two locations, one in Fallston the other in Bel Air. The monies collected in this effort go to aid the mentally challenged in Harford County. Please be generous with your time when called upon to help out this most worthy fund raising effort.

October is also Perry Point month. On Sundays in October members gather at McDonalds in Bel Air to car pool to the VA medical center to escort patients to Mass. Consider lending a helping hand to this most moving and worthy effort one or all Sundays in October. Contact Tom Sutera for details.

During the fall months of September, October and early November the Council will be collecting non perishable food for our annual Thanksgiving food baskets. When coming to the hall bring a canned good to aid us in this effort. The baskets will be delivered to needy families in the county the Sunday before Thanksgiving so that those in need can also enjoy a festive day. Please consider helping us with this program.

November is the month in which we honor those who have gone before us to the great reward. The annual Memorial Mass will be held at the Council home on November 20 at 7:00 pm. Plan to attend and honor our past but not forgotten members.

Remember; It is together we can achieve great things.
Thomas Classon, Grand Knight teclasson@comcast.net
(410) 838-0378

District Deputy Message

The state deputy has the same goal for the councils as last year. ALL COUNCILS A STAR COUNCIL! To achieve star status you must meet the membership goal, the

insurance goal, and the service programs goal. The one that most councils fail to achieve is the membership goal. And in most instances, if you don't reach the membership goal, chances are you will not achieve the insurance goal. All members are encouraged to be recruiters. Start working on reaching your goals early. Do not put it off till the last minute. I guarantee you, if you put it off, it will never get done. Set your goal to have at least several candidates for each First Degree held in the district. With a little initiative and the help from the members, this shouldn't be a problem. Give it a try!! You will be surprised with the results you get when you work as a team toward a common goal.

An update on the film 'Bella'. As you know, Bella is a film about an unwed mother to be and her decision to choose life. The Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, is requesting that all Knights, and their families, working together with Parishes, show up in force to support the film. The film is going to be released on October 26th. Private screenings will be scheduled at a centralized location convenient to both Washington D. C. and the Maryland areas. Dates, times and locations of the screenings will be forthcoming.

The State Travel Program is in need of your help. Trips planned for the year include:

Niagara Falls, Sept 10-14, \$814.

Caribbean Cruise, Jan 7-18, from \$1689.71 to \$2239.71 (Cabin location determines cost).

St. Paddy's Day at Savannah, Georgia, Mar 15-19, \$1035.00.

Prices are for each person and include transportation, lodging, meals and tips. Funds raised from these programs support the State Scholarship program.

The Knights of Columbus' social event of the year is the Columbus Day Ball. The event will be held at LaFontaine Bleu in Glen Bernie, Md. on Sat. Oct. 1. The cost is \$42.50 per person and includes a Deluxe Sit-Down Dinner, an open 'Top Shelf' Premium bar, and an orchestra playing very danceable music. I encourage each council in the district to fill at least one table. That's only five couples (10 to a table) and I believe you will thoroughly enjoy the evening. With God's Blessing We Will Continue to Live Our Faith.

Vivat Jesus

Ross Liberati, DD District #16

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- Savings accounts
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- Money market accounts
- Bonds, T. bills
- Mutual funds
- Stocks

Call me today so we can discuss your situation.

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC ted1204@verizon.net
(410) 569-6141

At the 125th Convention held in Nashville TN it was announced that the Marlowe Insurance Company was second best in the Order and our own Benefit Advisor, Edward O'Keefe, was seventh best in the Order, placing in the Top 10 for the second consecutive year.

Membership

Let me introduce myself I'm Patrick Ruckle PGK & PCP and will be serving this fraternal year as membership director for Bel Air Council # 4714. The council needs to recruit at least 20 new members this fraternal year to attain Star Council Status along with a margin of error to meet the requirements. This means asking your neighbors, relatives, or other parishioners you might share a pew with at Mass.

We will be participating in the order wide membership blitz in October with the permission of both Saint Mark's in Fallston and Saint Margaret's in Bel Air.

But please feel free to look at the man sitting in church in the same pew week after week and asking him if he would be interested in joining. This approach is great for empty nesters to make new friendships and get interested in an organization that offers so much.

Please contact me with new membership inquires.
Patrick Ruckle, PGK, PCP, Membership Director
(410) 905-6002

Sick and Deceased

BEL AIR COUNCIL MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS LADIES.

Annually the Bel Air Council of the Knights of Columbus honors its deceased members by having a Mass said for them. We also honor the Knights Ladies, who have died. This year we will hold this celebration on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Council Home, 24 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050 at 6:30 PM.

During the last year the Financial Secretary and I have reviewed the mailing list for the Councilairs against my mailing list for the widows and widowers of our deceased members. We are confident that the Councilairs will reach all of the people interested in this Mass. Therefore, individual letters will NOT be sent out this year.

You and other family members are cordially invited to attend. Please come and help us honor our deceased members.

Mike Fay (410) 879-9693

Programs

Program Director Notes

I would like to invite you and your family to the 9AM Mass at St. Mark's on September 30th. Following the Mass we host a breakfast for you and your family at the Council Hall. We have three Brothers that have agreed to run this event for us. This is a great opportunity to share our faith together at Mass and socialize, get to know each other, and build our Council. I have spoken to all of you and shared email. This is the first chance for all of us to actually meet and see how much we have in common as Catholic Gentlemen and family members.

Talking to you on the phone there have been suggestions of Ice Cream Socials and Movie nights. I have contacted our Family Activity Chairman, Terry Lijewski, 410-879-5872, and we are looking into hosting such an event in October. Pete Kozack, 410-638-6106, has agreed to host the Children's Christmas party on December 16th. I'm told he knows Santa personally and can ensure an appearance.

I ask that you make an effort to free up this date and time. Please let me know if you can attend on September 30th. I would like to be able to give a headcount to our event chairs so they know how much space to save at St. Marks and get an estimate on how many people to cook breakfast for.

The Council Banner that we purchased in support of John Carroll High School Athletics is now proudly hanging on the right field fence of the John Carroll Baseball Field. You can see it when you pull into the loop in front of the School.

Stephen Conley, Deputy Grand Knight, Program Director knightsfc@gmail.com 443-417-7538

Council Activities

Bull and Oyster Roast

It's Here:

The 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.

Now is the time for our annual Roast. If you have not done so as yet, get your money together and buy your tickets ASAP. 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. At the Roast we will hold a raffle for a package of gift certificates/cards from local dining establishments (value of at least \$215). Tickets for the raffle are \$2/each or 3 for \$5. Your support of the roast and raffle would be greatly appreciated.

We are also soliciting volunteers to help with the wheels for a one hour time slot, donations of baked goods for the cake/desserts wheel, as well as liquor donations for the plant/liquor wheel. If you can help or need additional

information please contact Chairman Terry Lijewski via e-mail or phone.

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

Card Night

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

Investment Club

This is an annual fundraiser. I will soon be mailing out tickets to those who purchased them last year. The cost of each ticket is \$20.00. After enough tickets have been sold, I will start the drawing. Four \$50.00 winners will be drawn at each social meeting for five months. On the fifth month, four \$50.00 winners will be drawn and then an additional \$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00 will be drawn. If you would like to purchase a ticket, mail me a \$20.00 check for each ticket made out to Bel Air Council and I will mail you your tickets.

Ray Caralle, PGK rcaralle1@verizon.net 1087 Main Street, New Park, Pa. 17352

First Degree Team

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!!

Brothers your First Degree Team has several openings. Let the ham in you out. Contact Bernie Classon or myself about joining the First Degree Team. There are speaking and non-speaking rolls available. It is painless, mostly. Come join one of the best teams in the State. It is one of the best ways in which to welcome a new member to the Order by performing a flawless degree. We need your help.

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

Family Activities

Congratulations to a Al and Carolyn DiCocco for being selected as Family of the Month for August.

Family Golf Outing - Our annual family golf outing will be held on September 9th at the Exton Golf Course at 12:30 p.m. The cost will be \$40.00 which includes Green fees, cart, prizes and food. Since this is a family outing, all family members; including children who play golf are welcome. Please contact either Ray Caralle or Bernie Classon.

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. Thanks in advance.

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

Knights Ladies Korner

My motto for this year has become, "Work smarter, not harder". When you see the calendar of events planned you will see how we hope to do this. But first I would like to review the August meeting with you. The excitement is building as more wonderful people and activities get added to our lives. The August meeting had a few new ladies interested in joining our group and we would be very blessed with their participation. We discussed the agenda, which has several new activities added. We voted to approve the budget and we also approved the revisions to the By-Laws.

The highlight of the meeting was the folders that the executive board put together and handed out to the members. I must tell you that we have been planning and working on this for several months now and that a great deal of time and effort went into these. The by-laws took time to rewrite, and the member roster and phone tree also needed attention to keep up with our active membership. LuAnne did a great job of buying and organizing the folders and getting them labeled and ready to hand out. Also thanks to Pat Lijewski for updating the roster with all the correct and current information and for the new brochure for the "Knights Ladies". I am grateful to Pat and LuAnne and the entire executive board for their help with this very large undertaking.

Our fundraising got a very nice surprise boost this past week in the form of income from the Bingo night. The Ladies have always been very supportive of the Council's Bingo by both playing and working. This past week with the approval of the Grand Knight and the Bingo Chairman, the Ladies were allowed to sell cards for a 50/50 that was played during one of the breaks. This additional game brought the Ladies \$38.50. If we average \$25 each week that would be \$1275 in a year. What a fabulous windfall this is for us. This is what I call working smarter, not harder.

The Quarter Auction plans are set and the event is scheduled for October 25th. It sounds like a lot of fun. The Bull Roast is set for September 22nd and the Ladies

will have a cake wheel as a fund-raiser. We are asking all members to bake or buy a very nice cake that will tempt people to put down their money. We have volunteers for all time slots so thank you to the volunteers. The Christmas Diner is set for December 1st and the Bob Evans fun- raiser is December 3rd. Please plan to support both of these activities so we can make lots of money for the groups that count on our help! "It is in giving that we receive."

In God We Trust!

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

Supreme Notes

Knights of Columbus reaffirms opposition to abortion, embryonic stem cell research

Resolution calls for laws to protect rights of conscience for medical personnel

(NASHVILLE, TN) - Delegates to the 125th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus today unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming its "deep commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life."

The resolution, adopted during the final session of the convention at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, also called for "the adoption of laws that recognize and protect in law the right of conscience for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs." The resolution also called for "similar protection for Catholic hospitals."

The Knights of Columbus also reaffirmed its "long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia."



Convention delegates also adopted resolutions expressing "Support for Natural Marriage," "Honoring Our Armed Forces," calling for "Decency in the Media and on the Internet," and calling for "continued use of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The full texts of the resolutions can be found on the Knights of Columbus website, www.kofc.org.

The convention celebrated the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, which was founded in New Haven, CT in 1882. Among the highlights of the convention was attendance by Vatican Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone, who delivered a major address Wednesday evening, and who expressed strong support for the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Cardinal Bertone, the Vatican's number two official, received the Knights of Columbus' highest honor, the Gaudiam et Spes award, on Tuesday evening. Transcripts of his remarks can also be found at www.kofc.org.

Dates to Remember

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| Sep 3 | Labor Day |
| Sep 4 | Business Meeting |
| Sep 7 | BINGO |
| Sep 9 | Family Golf Outing |
| Sep 10 | Card Party 7-11 PM |
| Sep 10 | Monday Night Football |
| Sep 11 | KC Club Meeting |
| Sep 14 | BINGO |
| Sep 18 | Ladies/Social Meeting |
| Sep 21 | BINGO |
| Sep 22 | Bull and Oyster Roast |
| Sep 23 | Cabaret |
| Sep 26 | Officers Meeting |
| Sep 28 | BINGO |
| Sep 30 | 5th Sunday Mass/Breakfast (St. Mark) |

Note from the Editor

I'm still looking for photographs to publish on our website belairknights.org and to include in the Councilairs. Stephen Conley sent some photographs of past events, see them on page 7. Pictures of the events that the Knights and Knights Ladies participate in are said to be an excellent form for recruitment of prospective members. Our website is as much a recruiting tool as a forum for members to keep up on Council activities. If you have photos please let me know. Digital photos are easier, but if you have regular snapshots, I can scan them and return them to you.

Scott Redding editor@belairknights.org

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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