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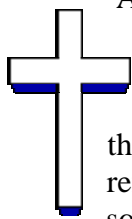
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Chaplain's Message



As we begin the New Year, we continue with our third reflection of Catholic Social Teaching - right and responsibilities. The first and primary theme of Catholic Social Teaching is the dignity of the human person. In the second reflection, we noted that the human person is both social and sacred and that we realize our dignity in relationship to others, particularly in the family which is the basic unit of society.

This month we reflect on what we as persons have the right to expect from government and what is expected of us as individuals in society. Each of us has a fundamental right to life, food, shelter, health care, education and employment http://www.osjspm.org/major_themes.aspx. We not only have a right to these fundamental needs but must also respect that all people have these same rights. Basic rights and obligations are reciprocal. We cannot claim an individual right and then seek to deny others that same right. Christianity looks at both our individual needs and for the needs of all, since we are linked in a common bond.

The Knights, in various activities and programs, support each of the fundamental human rights, particularly the right to life for the unborn. The Knights stand with the Church in the right to life from conception to natural death. The Knights also support education. We are thankful that the Knights provide grants and scholarships to further the education of our youth and young adults. Education concerns not only public education but the education which takes place in the family. Pope Benedict XVI recently reminded us that the right to education extends to the parents' obligation to educate their children in the Catholic faith.

The continuing efforts of the Knights of Columbus reflect an organization which promotes the good of society and rewards individual achievement consistent with Catholic teaching. The Knights help those who do not have the resources or ability to help themselves with basic human needs. We are grateful for our ability to participate.

Perhaps in the New Year, we can consider some resolutions which help us in making sure we have a proper focus for our lives. We can consider spending more time in prayer, particularly as a family. Parents can start a family bible sharing in which each person can relate their experiences to a selected reading. We can consider volunteering at St. Margaret parish which provides a variety of opportunities to allow us to grow in faith and to see the results of our efforts. For those who are overactive and seem to be doing a lot of running around, our resolution may simply be to find more time to relax. It is important that we not overdue our good intentions. We should select a resolution that can affect a long term change in our lives not just something temporary that wears us out.

In 2008, we will be casting some very important votes. We might start our new year by reading the United States Council of Catholic Bishops document entitled "Faithful Citizenship" which addresses the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and teaches about having a properly formed conscience prior to voting.

Remember "Happy New Year" is a pro-life statement.

May the Lord continue to bless our small daily sacrifices and acts of charity.

Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Sorry, was I being too loud? I hope everyone survived the hectic holiday season and saw the New Year in safely. May the good Lord look with favor on you and your families during the coming year and provide you with good health and good fortune.

Speaking of New Years, since the business meeting would fall on New Year's day the first Tuesday in January I have moved all the meeting dates in January, make note of the following date changes, Business meeting January 8, Home Corp. meeting January 15,

Social meeting January 22, and the Officers will meet on January 30, all meeting times will be as usual.

Members of the First Degree Team A: First Degree has been added to the calendar in January. Bishop Becker Council has requested a First Degree be conducted at their Council Home on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 10:30am. I need to know as soon as possible if you can make this Degree. Please contact the Grand Knight and let me know if you will be able to attend or not.

Thank you's go out to Pete Kozak for chairing the Children's Christmas party and Al Kramer for hosting the Fields Christmas party. Both events occurred prior to Christmas and those in attendance were treated to a good time and visits with Santa.

The activity calendar is usually light this time of year which gives us a chance to rest up from the busy fall activities and the hectic rush of the holiday season. This is a good time to begin to plan our spring and summer programs. This year in May we will have two activities to work on. First is the Council May procession honoring the Blessed Mother and second at this year's annual State convention Bel Air Council will be hosting the District hospitality room. Organizers and volunteers will be needed for both functions. Sharon DiMatteo has volunteered to handle the food for the convention and I am sure she would accept any and all assistance. Anyone planning on attending the convention and willing to assist with the hospitality room can contact Grand Knight.

Another activity that has entered the planning stages is the Family picnic. This event was very well attended last year and everyone had nothing but positive feed back on the festivities. A date has not yet been set so stay tuned for further details as they develop. As last year Ed Staniewicz and Tom Rappold will be co-chairing this day of fun for all, if you wish to help with this event contact Ed or Tom.

The biggest event entering the planning stages is the golden anniversary celebration of the chartering of Bel Air Council. The next fraternal year is a monumental one in the history of the Council as we move toward December 16, 2008 the fiftieth anniversary of our Council formation. Bill Vanden Eynden and Dick Belmonte are currently formulating ideas on how best to celebrate such a milestone. Stay tuned for details as they develop.

First Degree Members wishing to take their second degree should mark their calendar for March 10 at 7:30 pm. That is the date of the next Second Degree at Bel Air Council. This will make you eligible for the Third Degree later the same month at Cardinal Gibbons Council on March 14. Any First Degree members wishing to take their Second Degree need to contact the Financial Secretary or the Grand Knight.

Second Degree Members mark your calendar for Friday March 14, which is the date for the closest Third Degree to Bel Air. The Degree will be exemplified at Cardinal Gibbons Council. If the March date does not fit your schedule another Third Degree is scheduled for Dundalk Council on April 12. Second Degree members wishing to take their Third Degree need to contact the Financial Secretary or the Grand Knight.

While on the subject of Degrees, the Council is seeking members interested in becoming a part of the First Degree team. There is one speaking part and several non-speaking parts open. If enough members express an interest in speaking parts back ups would not be turned down. Contact the Grand Knight if you are interested in becoming a part of one of the best teams in the State.

The District Warden is also working on filling some openings on the Second Degree team. Like the First Degree team there are both speaking and non-speaking parts available. Contact the Grand Knight if you are interested in becoming a part of this team.

There is no better way to welcome a new member into our Order than to perform a flawless degree, consider giving your time and talent.

Remember: It is together we can achieve great things.

Thomas Classon, Grand Knight

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District Deputy Message

Where has the time gone? The first half of the '07/'08 fraternal year has passed us by. Tempus Fugit! By now we should be half way through the goals we set for the fraternal year. Are you there? If not, what are your plans to catch up? I must admit, all councils are on tract with most of their goals; however, the membership goal seems to evade most councils.

As a District, we have reached 24% of our membership goal and 14% of our insurance goal. This somewhat mirrors the overall health of the councils that make up our district. That means that as a group, most of the councils are behind the power curve when it comes to meeting the membership goal. Recruitment must be a team effort. Each member is encouraged to ask an eligible friend, neighbor or co-worker to join the order. Potential members are all around you waiting to be asked to join. When was the last time you asked someone to join? Resolve to do it now!

Carry a Form 100 in your wallet and be ready to sign the new recruit. Once you get a signed Form 100 do not hesitate getting the candidate to a first degree exemplification ASAP.

Get a 'jump start' on the second half of the fraternal year by attending the Mid Term Meeting. Programs planned for the year will be reviewed and discussed by the respective Program Directors. Additionally, the DGK's, will meet separately with the Worthy State Secretary, Dick Siejack, and will be given an insight on the job of a GK. Hopefully, all GK's and DGK's will plan to attend. Ladies are invited to attend and participate in the activities planned by the Ladies Committee.

This is also the time of the year to recognize members and other citizens for significant contributions made to the community. Deserving individuals and/or families should be recognized for Pro Life activities, Catholic Teacher of the Year, Law enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, EMT of the Year and Family of the Year.

Also, each council's third quarter service programs and their nominee for Family of the Month are due by Jan. 15. '08.

On behalf of the DW Bob Hickey, My wife Owena and myself, I would like to wish each of you and your loved ones a Blessed, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

With God's Blessing We Will Continue to Live Our Faith
Vivat Jesus

Ross Liberati, DD District #16

Fraternal Benefits

"Long Term Care Trends"

- 1) \$205 a day is the national average for a nursing home now.
- 2) \$197 a day is the average for the Baltimore Metropolitan area.
- 3) 92% of informal caregivers are women.
- 4) It takes 3-4 years on average to drain a couple's assets to qualify for Medicaid (welfare health program).
- 5) Alzheimers disease is the #1 growing area of long term care need.
- 6) Over 65% of nursing homes are occupied with women.
- 7) Long term care insurance is sometimes the only thing that can keep you out of a nursing home (due to the home health care option).
- 8) Traditional health insurance and Medicare do not cover long term care needs or costs.

Call me for information on how to affordably cover your long term care needs.

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC

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Sick and Deceased

Please remember in your prayers all the Brothers, Ladies, Family Members and Friends who are experiencing serious health problems at this time, especially:

Brothers: Richard Barkkume; Jack Bauernschub; Bernie Classon; William Collins; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Joe Rink; Jerry Shoul, and Vernon West.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume; Jean DiAngelo; Kitty Didio; Juliette Drouin; Owena Liberati; Marie Manager; Barbara Staniewicz, and Martha West.

Family Members and Friends: Mildred Herold's great-granddaughters, Sophie and Anna Belle; Helen Michels, wife of Robert Michels; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings, and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois. Joseph Glenowiecki, brother of Mary Jane Zarachiwicz; Adolph Puszc, father of brother Peter Puszc who is presently on his death bed.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends: Marlene Hirsch, a Knights Lady, who passed away recently and for Ben Williams who passed away within the past month. Please remember them in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Make the Rosary an integral part of your life. Pray the Rosary each day. For the Brother Knights who attend the Business Meeting, please join us at 7:30 pm prior to the meeting. We will join together to honor Our Blessed Mother by 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

Thanks for the prayers and “get-well” cards sent to me during my recent hospitalization for a kidney infection. I’m sure this helped for a speedy recovery.

Betty Bourgeois

Programs

Program Director Notes

[Isaiah 32:16-18](#): And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.



Peace be with you in this New Year. 2008, the year of our 50th Anniversary, let the countdown begin! Make a resolution today to listen for your vocation. Your service is the greatest gift you can give.

If there is anything you would like the Council to consider hosting or a service you’re interested in providing please contact me as your program director:
Stephen Conley knightsfc@gmail.com (443) 417-7538

Council Activities

50th Anniversary Gala

Gala event is now the initial stages of planning to commemorate the council's 50th anniversary of its founding. Please join Bill Vanden Eynden, PGK and I on January 22 at 7:15 PM, just prior to the January social meeting. The goal of the meeting is two-fold, generate ideas to be considered for the event and to find volunteers to help plan and organize different parts of the event.

Presently, we expect the event to be held during the weekend of January 17-18, 2009.

Dick Belmonte, Co-chair, 50th anniversary gala, rbbelmon@gmail.com (410) 838-6329

Investment Club

Investment Club winners for December were Betty Bourgeois, John Knapstein, Thomas Baker and David Custer Sr.

Ray Caralle, PGK rcaralle1@verizon.net

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Club Steward Message

If you are interested in being a bartender at our council home you may attend the next Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) class to be held at our council on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call Jerry for more information at 410-638-6489.

Our rental contract states that no scotch tape is to be used to attach anything to walls, doors, windows, counters, anywhere. It will damage wallpaper, paint and varnish and leaves a residue that will accumulate dirt. Please do not use it. I have clay or Play Doh that can be used instead.

Jerry Wagner, Club Steward

CHANGE TO THE JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

Since the first Tuesday in January is New Year's Day I am changing the January meeting schedule. Please note the changes and mark your Calendars accordingly. The changes will effect only the month of January to accommodate the holiday. We will resume the normal meeting schedule in February.

Business	January 8, 2008	8:00 PM
Home Corporation	January 15, 2008	7:30 PM
Social	January 22, 2008	7:00 PM
Officers/Program	January 30, 2008	7:30 PM

Thomas Classon, GK teclasson@comcast.net
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Youth Activities

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party was Sunday, December 16th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Thanks go out to Pete and Charlotte Kozak, and their staff of volunteers for putting on a great event. We had in the neighborhood of 70 people attend; children, parents, and grandparents.

The attendees enjoyed pizza, hotdogs, decorating your own cupcakes, ice cream sundaes, face painting, games, music, pictures with Santa, gifts for all the kids who spoke with Santa. A wonderful time was had by all.

Thanks to all who attended making it a great event. If you didn't attend you missed out, but, there is always next year.

Stephen Conley



Family Activities

Congratulations to John and Ana Grigaliunas for being selected as Family of the Month for December.

There was an error in the Family of the Month for December. The Family of the Month should have been identified as John Knapstein.

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, and I promise you it doesn't hurt. Thanks in advance.

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

Community Activities

Senior Essay Contest

To all male and female citizens 60 years of age and older; tell us in a short essay, "What Person, Guideline, or Values Inspired You To Live Your Faith?" Submit typed or computer printed essay on 8 1/2 by 11 inch, white, unlined paper. Word count is limited to 500 words. Submit it to the Maryland State Essay Chairman, Bernie Classon, no later than February 15, 2008. Put your name, address, and phone number on your submission. Participants need not be a Knight or a member of a Knight's lady's group. Your submission could be chosen the winner and announced at the State K-C Convention in Ocean City in May, 2008.

Ladies Korner

Christmas Greetings and a prayer for a very Blessed New Year to one and all!

We are all very busy this time of year and I am no exception, so short and sweet. This has been an amazing year for the Ladies and I thank each of you for allowing me to serve in this position. I would like to give special thanks to Barbara Staniewicz for organizing the wonderful Christmas dinner event and Pat Lijewski for the very successful Bob Evans Fund-raiser.

Natalie Boyd is finalizing the details of a Lenten retreat to the Upper Room Retreat House in Fawn Grove, PA. We are looking at March 1st with Father Jesse as our Retreat Master. Thank you Father Jesse for agreeing to do this. The cost will include breakfast, lunch and a stipend for the retreat master. Plan to spend the day with our Lord.

Other events planned include a Quarter Auction in the Spring and whatever you would like. We are looking into a trip to the National Shrine for Tea. What other ideas do you have?

This year we gave Birthright \$1000. Bob Evans with raffle raised \$1305, which exceeds our wildest hopes. Gift cards for the residents at Anna's House came to about \$300 of free will donations from our ladies. A very special thank you to Mary Jane and Paul Zarachowicz for having Santa deliver the gifts to Anna's House. The residents were very moved by our generosity and I hope that this event will continue and grow next year. I am so proud to be a Knights Lady. Thank you all so very much!

In God We Trust!

Alicia Rappold, Knights Ladies President

(410) 879-0854

Knights Ladies Christmas Party

A thank you goes out to all who helped make the Ladies Christmas party a success.

Barbara Staniewicz

Knights Ladies Annual Fund Raiser

The Knights Ladies would like to thank everyone that helped make the annual Bob Evans Fund Raiser a great success. Whether it was purchasing a raffle ticket for the three gift baskets or having dinner with us we could not do it without you. The winners of the gift baskets were, C Class, Ed & Bard and J. Monahan.

Pat Lijewski



Dates to Remember

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 4	BINGO
Jan 7	Monday Night Ballgame
Jan 8	Business Meeting
Jan 11	BINGO
Jan 14	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 14	Card Party 7-11 PM
Jan 15	KC Club Meeting
Jan 18	BINGO
Jan 22	Ladies/Social Meeting
Jan 25	BINGO
Jan 27	Cabaret
Jan 30	Officers Meeting
Feb 1	BINGO
Feb 4	Monday Night Ballgame
Feb 5	1st Degree Ceremony
Feb 5	Business Meeting
Feb 6	Ash Wednesday
Feb 8	BINGO
Feb 11	Card Party 7-11 PM
Feb 12	Primary Election
Feb 12	KC Club Meeting
Feb 15	BINGO
Feb 18	Washington's Birthday
Feb 19	Ladies/Social Meeting
Feb 22	BINGO
Feb 24	Cabaret
Feb 27	Officers Meeting



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