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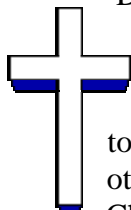
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### Chaplain's Message



During the next two months you will be hearing about Eucharist Adoration for life. It is important that as Knights we support life from conception to natural death and be able to explain the Church's position. Despite what others may lead you to believe, the Catholic Church has always been clearly against abortion.

Respect for the dignity of the human person is at the root of Catholic teaching and that includes respect for life. Abortion is not a single issue. In fact, it is indicative of the way a person thinks regarding life in general and in respecting others. God is a God of life and we are created in His image and likeness. Please take the time for Eucharistic Adoration either at St. Margaret or at St. Ignatius. A time in the presence of Jesus Christ will be a wonderful spiritual encouragement. Pray against the culture of death.

Ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession in your prayers. We should make life a central issue in our thinking because it represents the only true teaching which is for the good of human society and in accordance with God's plan for life.

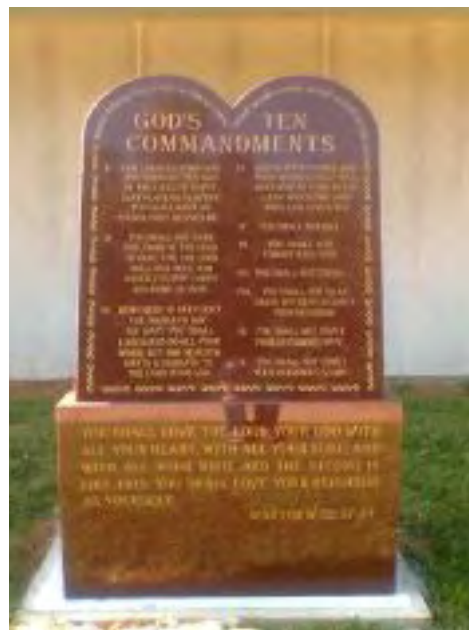
I am pleased to be writing this Chaplain's message from St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park. My room overlooks the front of the building. There is a beautiful chapel on the first floor. In the lobby, there is a wonderful statute of Mary, Seat of Wisdom. Mary is tenderly holding the infant Jesus. I have asked for and received Mary's encouragement. This holy site is truly inspirational and I hope that we can arrange a visit and tour for the Council. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine.

*Deacon Greg Rapisarda*

### Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Ladies, it's here.

The 10 Commandments Monument ordered last year has arrived. Thanks go to Dave Custer who helped unwrap and place the 850lb monument on its concrete pad facing Newport Drive.



Last year the council wanted to do something special for the upcoming 50th year. We were planning the Gala for January and the special 50th Anniversary Mass for December 16th but the council wanted to make a lasting statement as well about our beliefs; a statement in our community. After discussion at a number of business meetings a Ten Commandments monument from Project Moses was decided upon. What better way to keep our faith in full view in the community: the Ten Commandments on the front and the Beatitudes on the back.

It's October and our 50th year is well underway. Our Car raffle is winding down – thanks Jack. Our Tootsie Roll Drive is starting up – thanks Paul. We have had a successful Bull Roast – thanks Terry, and our school supply event is complete – thanks John. If you have not heard the supplies went to the George D. Lizby Elementary School at Hillsdale.

October is also the time we hear from Supreme, State, and District about Membership and the Membership Blitz. We are asked from Supreme to bring in 15 new members and we currently need 15 new members. Blitzes are important but they should not be the primary way we attract new members to our order. I believe the

proper focus of our programs and the participation of our Knights and Ladies in those programs are what really drive and enable membership. If our programs are focused in the right areas: support to our Churches, Catholic Schools, youth, and family, our membership would take care of itself. We must be working in and seen around our area's Catholic community. I have asked our officers to look at our programs and focus them towards this goal. In specific I have asked Bob Stone, our Church Activity Chair to work with both parishes to run a Catholic Bee for both their CCD programs and to acquire a standard spot in our weekly church bulletins. Knights and Knight's Ladies need to be seen in each Parish doing things like hanging a Keep Christ in Christmas poster or the KofC posters on Abortion, becoming a known organization that supports our parishes. I have also asked John Welsh, our Youth Activities Chair, to focus his effort on working with John Carroll and St. Margaret's Schools. Being known in our Catholic Schools is key to having a strong presence in our Catholic community. I would like to see our Council running one program for each class in John Carroll and develop a similar effort for St. Margaret's schools.

Our officers are committed to this change but we need the help of every Knight and Knight's Lady of our great council to make this successful. I need your support to make this happen - participate. Can I count on you? We are all called to serve. Together we can make our Council successful this year and for the next 50 years.

God Bless,  
*Stephen Conley, Grand Knight*  
[knightsfc@gmail.com](mailto:knightsfc@gmail.com) (443) 417-7538

## **Fraternal Benefits**

### **The Vocation of Fatherhood**

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. One thing Fr. McGivney felt very strongly about was that Catholic men had a duty and an obligation to take care of their families and when they couldn't, due to illness or death, he wanted an organization in place that could help the widow and surviving children. It is no coincidence that our First Degree is based upon charity and we've heard many times that "charity starts at home."

Your Council Benefits Advisor is a man who is a representative of Fr. McGivney's vision. His sole

purpose in the K of C structure is to fulfill that part of Fr. McGivney's concern about our families. Fr. McGivney believed that the family was the basic structure of both society and the moral underpinning for civilization as a whole. With so much on the line in Fr. McGivney's eyes, is it any wonder that he placed such emphasis on the care and concern of our families if something would happen to us as fathers?

Yes, fatherhood is a vocation ... a very demanding but rewarding one. I invite you to experience the peace of mind that only comes from proper planning both as a member of the Knights of Columbus and as a father!

*Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC*  
[edward.okeefe@kofc.org](mailto:edward.okeefe@kofc.org) (410) 569-6141

## **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; Sam DiDio; Frank DiAngelo; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Robert Michels; Jerry Shoul; Vernon West; and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume; Kit Belli; Georgia Classon; Jean DiAngelo; Doris Harrison ; Martha West; and Pat Rebbert.

Family Members and Friends: Mildred Herold's great-grandchildren, Sophia and Anna Belle; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends: Your prayers are always requested for all our Brothers, Ladies, Relatives and Friends. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

We pray the Holy Rosary every day. We ask that you join us at 7:30 at our Business Meeting (first Tuesday of every month). Please join us!

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**



#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

Tickets are on sale for \$35 until the October social meeting on October 21. Consider inviting your friends and relatives to this enjoyable dinner dance. See flyer for details. 50th

anniversary apparel will be available to order from Wayne Davis. Attend a business or social meeting to do your shopping for this attractive men's and ladies' shirts, vests, jackets and caps. Support your council and create a keepsake by taking out an ad in the 50th anniversary gala program. Contact Ed Staniewicz for more information.

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

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**

Mark the date. A special mass celebrating the council's 50th anniversary will be held at St. Mark's Church, Fallston on December 16, 2008. The evening Mass time will be announced in the next Councilairs.

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#### **Ceremonial Team**

Brothers, your Council is still looking for a few good men. We have an immediate opening for a speaking part on the first degree team. In addition some non-speaking parts need filling. If you would like to learn a speaking part as a back up I can accommodate you as well.

There is no better way to welcome a new brother knight into the order than to perform a dignified and efficient first degree. Won't you consider lending your time and talent to this most noble activity?

The District second degree team is also in the rebuilding phase and could use members for both speaking and non-speaking parts.

**Tom Classon, PGK** [teclasson@comcast.net](mailto:teclasson@comcast.net)  
(410) 838-0378

#### **Home Corporation/ KC Club**

There is an opening on the Home Corporation. Elections for the filling this opening will take place at the November business meeting. Dick Kozlowski has been

appointed as a temporary board member and his name will be on the ballot for the November special election. Brothers interested in having their name placed on the ballot please contact Dave Custer at 443-567-6131 or Tom Rappold at 410-879-0854. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the November meeting.

**Tom Rappold**, (410) 879-0854

#### **Comedy and Dinner Night**

The tickets for the comedy and dinner night are selling painfully slow. We have advertisements in three Churches. Shortly you will see it in the Date Book of The Catholic Review. All this is fine; in fact we are looking at other sources to advertise Comedy Night. What would really help is if you would approach your neighbors and friends and urge them to buy a table of eight, talk up this event! I don't know about you but I'm weary of hearing about our cash flow. I think we should band together and get behind this fund raiser because in the end it benefits the council, ultimately it benefits us individually by funding our pet programs. COME ON BROTHERS WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Furthermore there are a number of jobs where we will need some additional help. We plan on conducting two 50 - 50's and the money wheel. We will need support with both activities. If you plan on attending we would greatly appreciate your help.

**Dick Kozlowski**

#### **Investment Club**

Tickets are currently being mailed to everyone who purchased tickets in the past. Each ticket cost \$20.00 which is good for five months. After a sufficient number of tickets have been sold, each month for five months; four \$50.00 winners will be drawn. On the fifth month, four \$50.00 winners will be drawn. In addition, there will be three additional drawings of \$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00. The chairman of this fundraiser is Ray Caralle, PGN. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Ray. You can also send him a check addressed to Bel Air Council and he will mail the tickets to you. Tickets will also be available at the business meeting and the social meeting. The more tickets that are purchased will be more money coming back to our council.

**Ray Caralle, PGK** [rcaralle1@verizon.net](mailto:rcaralle1@verizon.net)  
(717) 382-1383

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## **Family Activities**

Congratulations to Mark and Joanne Zimmerman for being selected as Family of the Month for September.

**Terry Lijewski** [tlij@comcast.net](mailto:tlij@comcast.net) (410) 879-5872

## **Ladies Korner**

Hello Ladies,

Thank you for your material support for Anna's House. It is heartwarming to see how our ladies faithfully bring items for the benefit and comfort of the residents of Anna's House. We also collected many religious items for the Apostleship of the Sea ministry. We presented GK Steve Conley a check for \$500 for the Novice sponsorship. Alicia Rappold introduced her mother, Alicia, to the ladies and was presented with a Past President's plaque and a handcrafted gold rosary commemorating the Council's 50th Anniversary as a 'Thank You Gift' for her service to the auxiliary.

Patricia Ruckle has graciously consented to be the point of contact for the Caring Friends Committee.

Betty Bourgeois read a list of helpful household hints.

Be sure to mark your Calendars for the following events. October 23rd, the Ladies' fundraiser - The Quarter Auction - tickets are \$3 each and additional paddles will be available for \$1 each.

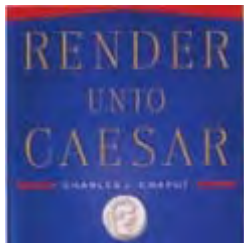
November 1st, the men are having a Comedy Night and Dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person. Come to the Council home, enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner and an enjoyable show.

Our next meeting is October 21, 2008 7 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dee Kozlowski**, Auxiliary President



### **K of C Book Club: Render Unto Caesar**

On Sept. 26, at 5:00 p.m. (ET), Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver held an online discussion of the Archbishop's new book *Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by*

*Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life (Doubleday).*

[http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/publications/sk\\_bookclub/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/publications/sk_bookclub/index.html)

## **Dates to Remember**

Oct 3	BINGO
Oct 7	Business Meeting
Oct 10	BINGO
Oct 13	Columbus Day
Oct 13	Card Party 7-11 PM
Oct 14	KC Club Meeting
Oct 17	BINGO
Oct 21	Ladies/Social Meeting
Oct 24	BINGO
Oct 28	Officers Meeting
Oct 31	BINGO
Nov 4	Election Day
Nov 4	? Business Meeting?
Nov 7	BINGO
Nov 10	Card Party 7-11 PM
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 11	KC Club Meeting
Nov 14	BINGO
Nov 18	Ladies/Social Meeting
Nov 21	BINGO
Nov 25	Officers Meeting
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 28	BINGO
Nov 30	5th Sunday Mass/Breakfast

### **Bishops Ask Catholics to Pray a 'Novena for Faithful Citizenship'**

With the presidential election of 2008 approaching, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all Catholics in the United States to pray a novena for life, justice and peace called the [Novena for Faithful Citizenship](http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2008/08-117.shtml).

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2008/08-117.shtml>

The bishops encourage praying the novena on nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 2, on nine consecutive days beginning on Oct. 26, or any other combination that works for individual or group participants. [Text of prayers and podcasts](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts)  
<http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts>

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# CRAB FEAST

To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 999

Sunday October 12, 2008

4:00- 8:00PM

Knights of Columbus Hall

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050

Tickets: \$35

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**Apostleship of the Sea Ministry**

One of Monsignor Fitzgerald's Catholic Ministry to "the people of the sea" missions is to provide Mass as well as religious articles to the visiting Seamen of Baltimore harbor. To support Msgr. Fitzgerald's ongoing efforts to provide religious items to the visiting Seamen, Bernie Classon, Faithful Navigator of St. Francis Xavier Assembly #380, has instituted a program to collect religious items to assist Msgr. Fitzgerald in accomplishing this wonderful endeavor.

All of us receive rosaries, prayer books and cards, pictures etc. from numerous religious organizations. By collecting them and presenting them to the Monsignor we are supporting this ministry as well as practicing our Catholic faith.

The Monsignor is also in need of magazines, paperback books, English dictionaries and men's clean used clothing.

Boxes will be available at all meetings to collect these items. If you have any questions please contact Bernie Classon 410-638-8074 or Pat Lijewski, 410-879-5872.





## **Knights Ladies Remembering our Veterans**



**To support our troops of yesterday and today the Knights Ladies will be collecting essential items to be distributed to the Perry Point Veterans Hospital via Vernon's Volunteers**



### **Items being collected:**

**Sweat shirts and pants size, L, under shirts Size L, socks (white only) sizes 9-11/10-13. Personal items as deodorant, body lotions, aftershave (non-alcohol), disposable razors and shaving cream, to name a few are always welcome.. No samples please.**

**Please bring your donations/gifts to the Knights Ladies extra business meeting on November 11, Veterans Day. For questions or details please contact Pat Lijewski 410-879-5872 or [PLIJ@comcast.net](mailto:PLIJ@comcast.net)**



# ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance***

Sunday, January 18, 2009  
1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Richlin Ballroom  
1700 Van Bibber Road  
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Featuring:

Hot crab and cheese fondue, vegetables with dip,  
assorted cheeses and crackers  
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Garden salad, vegetables, rolls and butter  
Ice cream sundae with Anniversary Cake  
Beer, wine, soda and juices included  
Cash bar available

Music by ***The MONALDI BROTHERS***

*\$35 per person until October 21, 2008  
\$40 per person paid between October 22 and December 16, 2008  
(please make check payable to Bel Air Council #4714)*

For information, please contact Dick Belmonte at 410-838-6329  
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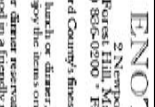
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