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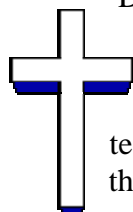
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Chaplain's Message



During the month of November, we remember those who have died both the recognized saints in the church and those who have not been recognized. We remember that Catholic teaching about death is actually inspiring. God, the creator of life, did not create death. Death came to humanity as a result of the fall of Adam, which was a deliberate rejection of God. When Jesus talks about the final judgment in the scriptures, it is not to scare us, but to remind us that the decisions we make in this life are important- eternally important. In 1999, Pope John Paul II reminded us that "God is the infinitely and merciful Father. But man, called to respond to him freely, can unfortunately choose to reject his love and forgiveness once and for all..." " Jesus offers each of us redemption and eternal life and often fiery images of hell are a reminder of the freedom we have. In a profound declaration of the eternal love of God, Pope John Paul states that "God can only desire the salvation of the beings He created." God does not send us to hell. It is the human person who "closes himself (or herself) to God's love."

If we were living before Christ, we would wonder what would happen to us when we die. Life would seem meaningless. We would not have a sense of purpose in life. We would simply be on this earth for a certain number of years and then life – all life – would end. It would be a hopeless existence. But God has revealed in Christ that we are sharers of the divine life not just on earth but for all eternity. This can only be attributed to God's unconditional love for us. At times, this love can be so overwhelming that we go through life wondering if God really loves us as much as God says, or as much as Christ has shown us on the cross.

In his book, "101 questions about Death and Eternal Life," Professor Peter Phan tells us that those who have died have been relieved of the anxieties of this life- they no longer have to face the decisions we have to make every day. In the Liturgy of the Hours (Evening Prayer II Week), the intercessions state: "Grant to those who have died the glory of resurrection, and give us a share in their

happiness." This is the opposite of what we think. We can think that those in heaven may somehow miss the anxieties of this life. While we grieve those who have died, we are reminded that God is merciful and that heaven is our home and a state of complete peace.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who seeks us out, picks us up, holds us and compassionately guides us through to eternal life. Our own experience of the death of our loved ones should inspire us to love more deeply and to value the short time we have on earth. Our experiences of suffering and death draw us to the Eucharist in which all of heaven and earth are united. The Church's teaching on the communion of saints give us hope and comfort.

We also are drawn to Mary as we ask her to pray for us now "and at the hour of our death." The many Hail Mary's we say are never in vain. The Catechism (1682) states that "For the Christian, the day of death inaugurates, at the end of his (her) sacramental life, the fulfillment of (the) new birth begun at Baptism..."

Let us entrust our loved ones to the mercy of God, confident that God desires the salvation of all those whom He has created.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

With greetings from the seminary,
Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, I would like to introduce you to our Family Activity Chair, Terry Lijewski, PGK, and his wife Pat. Terry and Pat have lived in Bel Air and been members of St. Margaret Church for 17 years. They have one child and one grandson who live in Virginia.



Terry is a Eucharistic Minister, and Pat is a member of the Choir. Terry & Pat work with a team at Our Daily Bread to cook, prepare, and serve meals to the poor, hungry and homeless people of Baltimore City on the 4th Thursday of every month.

Terry works as a caller at Bingo, was a member of the Kaycee club Board of Directors, and has chaired the Council's Bull & Oyster Roast for the last two years. He has worked for the Council for the car raffle, tootsie roll campaign, Fields Christmas party, family picnic, and has assisted the Ladies Auxiliary with their Christmas party, Quarter auctions, Bob Evans fund-raisers, and with the Harford County homeless shelter dinner.

Pat has been the Ladies Auxiliary Secretary for the past two years, and was honored as Lady of the year for both the Ladies Auxiliary and the Council for the last year. She has chaired numerous events including the Bob Evans fund-raisers, the Quarter Auction, the Confirmation candidate's pilgrimage for St. Margaret Church, and the Harford County homeless shelter dinner. She has co-chaired the Council's last two Bull & Oyster Roasts, and the Ladies Christmas Party, assisted at the Council's family picnic, and with the maintenance of the Ladies Auxiliary garden at St. Margaret. She has also developed brochures for the Ladies Auxiliary and for the Kaycee Club for rental of the Council home.

Terry is a Past Grand Knight of Little Flower Council #1976 and has been Family Activities chairman for 3 years. The mainstay of our Family program is Family of the Month Program and Terry has done an outstanding job.

We are a fraternal organization that prides itself on being there for our families. We are looking to expand our family program. We are looking for activities that are focused on supporting the interests our members and their families. How do we develop this portion of what we do? What activities do we need to provide something for our children? I need your help in assisting our Family Activity chair, in developing the programs necessary to make this area a success getting our members with young families involved. Call me at 443.417.7538 or email me at knightsfc@gmail.com.



November 11

We are called to serve. Together with your help we can make our Council successful this year and for the next 50 years.

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

District Deputy Message

It is that time of the year to start thinking about the Convention. The Conventions will be held at the Princess Royale the weekend of May 15-17, 2009. You can reserve your room beginning November 3. Everyone should consider attending the Conventions and watching the Grand Knights make a fool of themselves during the Grand Knights Olympics.

The State Memorial Mass is Sunday, November 16 at St. Clemente Rosedale. There will be a wine and cheese reception afterwards. If you plan on attending the reception, you must contact Peter O'Sullivan and let him know you will be attending. There is a \$5.00 per person fee to attend the reception.

This year a very important election is being held. It is imperative that everyone get out and vote their conscience. Take the time to vote and have your voice heard.

I would like to thank all the Grand Knights of the District for their cooperation in turning in their quarterly reports ahead of schedule.

My wife, Karen, and I, and Shirley and Don Kern wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving. May you have a very relaxing and joyful time with your family.

Vivat Jesus
Mike Clemens, DD #16

Fraternal Benefits

God's Special Children

If you have a special needs child, grandchild, niece or nephew you might be interested in discussing what would happen to that child if something happened to the children's parents.

At the Knights of Columbus we have programs to promise that this child (or adult) will have adequate finances for their future care. There is no more

compelling responsibility than this one – caring for those who will always be dependent for help.

Please call your council benefits advisor to discuss this critical issue if it applies to you.

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF
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



50th Anniversary Gala

January 18, 2009 1:00 - 6:00 PM
Tickets are on sale for \$40 until December 16. Consider inviting your friends and relatives to this enjoyable dinner dance. See flyer

for details. 50th anniversary apparel is available to order from Wayne Davis. Attend a business or social meeting to do your shopping for these 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 (410) 838-6329

50th 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 at 7:00 PM.

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rbbelmon@gmail.com (410) 838-6329

Bull and Oyster Roast

Report on the 9/21/08 Bull & Oyster Roast

The Council's Annual Bull & Oyster Roast was held on Sunday 9/21 from 1-6 PM. For the 125 in attendance it was a day that offered plenty of great food from Atlantic Catering, and good dancing music provided by DJ Bill Marsteller of "Do It" with Music entertainment. The Roast was a huge success netting the Council a profit of \$1,773, including \$624 from the dining establishments raffle, and \$266 from the plant/liquor and Big 6 wheels. The Ladies Auxiliary also netted \$160 from the baked goods wheel.

Many thanks to all who helped make this an event to remember, especially to my co-chair, my wife Pat. She was indispensable in her efforts which included:

- Preparing the advertising flyers, posters, and tickets, and getting the Roast listed in local Catholic Church's bulletins.
- Soliciting donations from local businesses.
- Making the centerpieces for the tables and baskets as prizes for the wheel.
- Selecting the flowers for the wheel prizes.
- Handling the assignments for the baked goods wheel.
- Coordinating things during the Roast.
- Setting up and cleaning the hall.
- Most importantly, putting up with me as I stressed out during the last few weeks especially when ticket sales were lagging behind.

Thanks also go to Ed Staniewicz for his help in handling the raffle, and helping with cleanup; Barb

Staniewicz for helping with the set up and cleanup; Dave Custer for handling the wheel assignments and cleanup; Diane Custer for help in cleanup; Paul and Mary Jane Zarachowicz for their help in setting up the hall; the Knights Ladies who donated the baked goods for the wheel and those who worked the wheel; Council members and others who helped work the wheels; and last but certainly not least our two bartenders, Al DiCocco and Tom Rappold for offering their time and talents to make this a memorable event. Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to the 20 local businesses that made donations for the dining establishments raffle (1st prize valued at \$300 for 11 dining establishments won by Dick & Luanne Belmonte's daughter Kathryn, 2nd prize of \$50 gift certificate won by Al DiCocco, and 3rd prize of \$25 gift card), the door prizes, and gifts of liquor for the wheel. The total value of gifts donated amounted to \$564.

Terry Lijewski, Bull & Oyster Roast Chairman

State Car Raffle

Our council sold the winning ticket!

At the recent Columbus Day Ball Our Worthy State Chaplain, Fr. Donald drew the winning tickets for our Incentive Car Raffle.

And now....drum roll please....the winners are:

The winner of the TV is:

Josephine Muhler, Winning ticket sold by Council #5058

The winner of the car is:

Pat Russell, Winning ticket sold by **Council #4714**

Congratulations to the winners and all of the councils who took advantage of this amazing fund raising activity. Please make your plans now to participate next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Ransdell, Bill Van Horn,
Incentive Car Raffle Team

Investment Club

I have mailed out 290 tickets. So far, I have received almost 100 tickets; which means we have covered our expenses. Every additional ticket sold will come back to our council. This is a major fundraiser. If we sell 300 tickets, \$4,000.00 will be profit for our council. If you have not received a ticket, send me a check addressed to Bel Air Council 4714 and I will mail you a ticket. This would make a great Christmas present.

Each ticket costs \$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.

Ray Caralle, PGK rcaralle1@verizon.net

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Knights Ladies Annual Fund Raiser



Have dinner with family and friends and support our efforts for charitable giving. A percentage of your total bill will be the reward for your dining with us. Raffles for baskets of Bob Evans products will be available.

When: Monday December 1st, 4-9 PM

Where: Bob Evans, 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, Bel Air,
A visit from Santa 4-8 PM

For additional information please contact:

Pat Lijewski (410) 879-5872 or

MaryJane Zarachowicz (410) 638-9864



Family Activities

Congratulations to Bernie and Georgia Classon for being selected as Family of the Month for October.

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

Community Activities

Wheelchair Fund

Our disabled veterans, disabled priests, and disabled nuns need our help with mobility. Please consider a contribution to the wheelchair fund. Any amount graciously accepted. Make checks payable to Maryland State Council and mark the memo section, "Wheelchair Fund". Please send to:

State Wheelchair Chairman

Bernie Classon

1304 Scottsdale Dr.

Bel Air, MD 21015

Lisby Elementary School Supplies

The Council recently received this correspondence: "I am sending a picture of all of the wonderful supplies your organization so generously donated. Thank you for supporting our school during these rough economic times."

Kathy Blythe

Proud to be a Title 1 School Counselor

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Have a Yippy Skippy Day!



Christmas Cards to Wounded Soldiers

Please see page 7 for information from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center regarding the "Holiday Mail Call" for wounded service members.

Dates to Remember

November 4	Election Day
November 4	? Business Meeting?
November 7	BINGO
November 10	Card Party 7-11 PM
November 11	Veterans Day
November 11	KC Club Meeting
November 14	BINGO
November 18	Ladies/Social Meeting
November 21	BINGO
November 25	Officers Meeting
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	BINGO
November 30	5th Sunday Mass/Breakfast
December 2	Business Meeting
December 5	BINGO
December 8	Card Party 7-11 PM
December 9	KC Club Meeting
December 12	BINGO
December 16	Ladies/Social Meeting
December 19	BINGO
December 23	Officers Meeting
December 25	Christmas
December 26	BINGO

News from Supreme

Supreme Knight addresses World Synod of Bishops

In remarks delivered Tuesday, October 21 to the bishops attending the World Synod of Bishops being held in Rome, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson suggested development of a compendium to the lectionary, "in order to provide a greater richness in Sunday preaching and a greater connection between the fundamental truths of the Catholic faith and holy Scripture." Anderson was appointed an auditor for the Synod by Pope Benedict XVI, and has attended each of the meetings since it began on October 5.



Bel Air Council 4714
Knights of Columbus

50th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, January 18, 2009

Social Hour – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Dinner and Dancing – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Music by The Monaldi Brothers

Richlin Ballroom
1700 Van Bibber Road
Edgewood, Maryland

\$40 per person paid before December 16, 2008

*For information, please contact Dick Belmonte at 410-838-6329
or by e-mail at rbbelmon@gmail.com.*

Tear off here and return with your check made payable to Bel Air Council 4714 to:
Dick Belmonte
110 N. Lynbrook Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

Name _____
will attend the 50th Anniversary Gala on January 18, 2009.

_____ Number of tickets requested

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Committee Use Only

Date Received _____

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Table # _____



Red Cross “Holiday Mail Call” Program 2008 Guidelines

The American Red Cross is pleased to announce that it will sponsor a national “Holiday Mail Call” program in 2008 as it did in 2007! Last year the Red Cross reviewed and distributed over 600,000 cards to our wounded service members at hospitals around the country and overseas. This year we want to expand who is reached with the holiday greeting cards to include not only our wounded warriors, but all service members and their families, as well as veterans. Our goal is to reach 1,000,000 persons this year to show our appreciation for their service and wish them well over the holiday season and with your help we will!

Start Date of the Program: **Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2008**

Mailing Address:

Red Cross Holiday Mail Call

P.O. Box 5456

Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

•The Guidelines below should be followed to enable a quick reviewing process as well as to ensure that cards are not offensive in any way to anyone who might receive one:

1. Please ensure all cards are signed
2. Please send cards as opposed to long letters which delay a quick review process
3. Please do not include e-mail or home addresses on the cards as the program is not meant to foster pen pal relationships

•Please do not insert photos, money, religious articles (i.e.-rosary beads, prayer cards, etc), glitter, ‘snow’ or like items in cards as these items will be removed during the reviewing process

•Phone cards or gift cards will not be accepted with cards. Those wishing to send calling cards or gift cards/certificates should go to www.aafes.com, scroll down to “AAFES Community Connection” and click on “Help Our Troops Call Home” or “Gift Cards/Certificates for Our Troops” in order to send such items

•No ‘Care Packages’ will be accepted at this address. Those wishing to send care packages should go to www.AmericaSupportsYou.com and click under “Home front Groups” to find out how to send care packages

•Participants are requested not to send more than 25 cards from any one person or 50 cards from any one group.

•End Date of the Program: All cards must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

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