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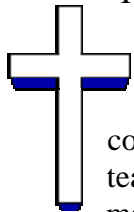
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Chaplain's Message



The Bel Air Knights Council can be rightfully proud of its fifty years of loving service. The reason for its longevity and vitality is that the Knights have remained committed to the Church and faithful to its teachings. Over the years, there have been many organizations, which have begun and faded. Some organizations had good intentions but failed after many years. What keeps the Knights going is its faithfulness to the teachings of the Church. In this way, the Knights help safeguard the truth. Being rooted in the Church unites and solidifies the Knights.

Commitment to upholding the teachings of the Church will allow the Knights to flourish. This is particularly so as people will continue to search for truth in a world which often sends mixed messages. The Knights will continue to proclaim what is true—the truth about life, the truth about marriage, the truth about relationships, and the truth about Jesus Christ. When there is uncertainty, particularly in times of economic instability, people will seek to rely upon someone or something. It is not the stock market or even their jobs. Our hope is not found in a something, but in a person. That person is Jesus Christ, who is hope to all. As organizations may suffer, the Knights will not, because they are not founded on an unattainable goal. Because they are founded on Christ, they will remain relevant.

Over the next year, we will continue to be mindful of waves of new moralities, which spring up in our society. This year may be particularly difficult for life. But we are founded in faith. We are comforted to know that the Church does not change with the wind but by the Spirit and that foundational teachings of right and wrong remain stable.

Fifty years can be measured not just in time but also by the many changed lives and the many blessings,

which our loving Lord, has imparted. May the intercession of our Beloved Mother help us to proclaim Christ in the world. Praised be Jesus Christ!

Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday

Last month our Council turned 50: December 16, 1958 through December 16, 2008. On our actual birthday, our Council Chaplain, Fr. Hemler, offered the use of St. Mark's Church and provided a wonderful Anniversary Mass along with our State Chaplain, Rev. Donald Grzymiski. In addition, Deacon Rapisarda provided an excellent homily. We were also honored by the attendance of our Supreme Director, Ron White and his wife. Following Mass we held a birthday party reception at our hall. I would like to thank everyone who had a part in the Mass and reception the evening was fantastic. Special thanks are due Our Ladies. Our Ladies always seem to make big occasions – special. I am blessed at home with a special lady and our council is blessed with Our Knight's Ladies. Their involvement with the reception created an environment well beyond anything expected; the meal and table arrangements made the evening nothing short of perfect. Ladies - Thank You.

January continues our birthday celebration with our 50th Anniversary Gala. On January 18th from 1PM-6PM at the Richland Ballroom. Dick Belmonte and his team has been working hard to complete the arrangements for this event. Our State Deputy, Richard V. Siejack will be in attendance. Thirteen Past Grand Knights and a Charter Member are planning on attending. We have over 200 tickets sold which is a absolutely fabulous.

It's the start of a new year. Let me leave you with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "**Religion is to do right. It is to love, it is to serve, it is to think, it**

is to be humble.” Make a New Year’s resolution this year to get involved with the council and its activities. We are all called to serve. It is why you became a Knight. Find your way to serve. It doesn’t take much, 24 hrs a year, that’s two hours a month. If we don’t have something your interested in contact our Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director, Ed Staniewicz, 410.529.7114; or contact me.

Stephen Conley, Grand Knight
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District Deputy Message

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009, to mark the Roe v. Wade decision announced 36 years ago on that day. The Maryland State Council will be sponsoring buses this year. A bus will leave from the Dundalk Council at 7:30am. This will get you to Washington in time for Mass at the Verizon Center.

The Knights of Columbus has launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere called Headline Bistro at www.headlinebistro.com. The Web site provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics.

Our Order has always had a close relationship with Special Olympics. A report called the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584) needs to be filed with Supreme by January 31st.

The next scheduled 1st Degree in the District is February 3rd at Bel Air Council. Membership is the life blood of any organization. We should be constantly recruiting new members and aiming to attain at least Star Council if not Double Star.

Vivat Jesus
Mike Clemens, DD #16

Fraternal Benefits

I’d rather be stuck down here than stuck up there.

Have you ever been on an airplane flight that was loaded for takeoff and then the pilot announced that there were some “minor” technical difficulties? You might have found yourself delayed for just a few minutes or maybe even a few hours. Such was the case this summer when I was coming back from a meeting in Dallas. It was a full flight and we were

delayed on the ground for almost two hours. You could see the disposition of the passengers go down hill quickly. The temperature in the cabin was getting hot and the people were noticeably upset. The nice lady next to me was going to a family reunion in Boston and was just as calm as could be. We struck up a conversation and she eventually said to me, “you know, as bad as this seems, I’d much rather be stuck down here than stuck up there.”

And so it is with life insurance and long term care insurance. Isn’t it better to have it and not need it than to not have it and find out that you need it or can’t get it?

That’s the story of life. Those that prepare and plan have an advantage over those who don’t. Not planning is also making a choice. Fr. McGivney saw a need in his community and decided to act. I believe he wanted all of his Knights to act. He didn’t want us to be “stuck up there” and he certainly didn’t want our families or survivors to be in an awkward situation. Let the Knights of Columbus help you plan for a solid future. You’ll feel great once you do.

Edward O’Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF
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Financial Secretary Message

Dues notices have been mailed out. If you have any questions about your bill please give me a call or e-mail me.

John Knapstein, Financial Secretary
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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; Thomas Classon; William Collins; Sam DiDio; Frank DiAngelo; Peter Kozak; Ross Liberati; Frank Maloy; Paul Manager; Robert Michels; Jerry Schoul; Vernon West; and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume, Kit Belli, Georgia Classon; Jean DiAngelo; and Martha West.

Family Members and Friends: Mildred Herold's great-grandchildren, Sophia and Anna Belle; Chris Litz, son of Don Litz; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings, John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and Margo Petkus, sister of Paul Zarachowitz.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends.

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

Pray the Holy Rosary each day! Join us at 7:30 PM before our business meeting (first Tuesday of every month)!

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 Questions and Answers

When is the gala? Sunday, January 18, 2009 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM. Dinner begins at approximately 1:45 PM.

Where is the gala? At the Richlin Ballroom located at the intersection of I-95 and Route 24.

Where are my tickets? There have been no tickets distributed for this event. When you arrive, look for a place card with your name. It will have your table number on it.

What is the dress? Business suit for the gentlemen and dressy attire for the ladies.

Can I still make a reservation? No, reservations closed on December 16.

What about inclement weather? The event will go on unless Richlin Ballroom is unable to meet their part of the contract which is quite unlikely. Rule of thumb is if the major roads are passable, the event will be held.

More questions? Give me a call or send me an email.

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

Knights Ladies Annual Fund Raiser

The Knights Ladies Annual Christmas Fund Raiser at Bob Evans was a total success. We want to thank everyone who came out, had dinner and socialized with family, friends and Santa. A good time was had by all. The winners of the Gift Baskets were Tom Classon and Elon Monnin.

Pat Lijewski

Youth Activities

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest was a success at Mary Magdelene Middle School.

In the 7th grade competition:

3rd place goes to: Brianna Brinkley of Forest Hill

2nd Place goes to: Caitlin Wolfarth of Forest Hill

1st Place goes to: Morgan Sulzbach of Bel Air

4th Grade winner

1st place Nick Sulzbach.

A great job done by all. A lot of good work on the concept of "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Congratulations to all,

John Welsh, Youth Activities Chairman
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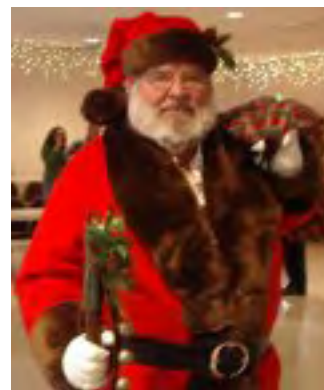
Family Activities

Congratulations to Vernon and Martha West for being selected as Family of the Month for November.

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

Children's Christmas Party

Special thanks to Pete and Charlotte Kozak for chairing the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 12/6. It was a wonderful experience for the children and the adults. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activities and the good food. If you



missed it, you missed a good time. Also, thanks go to all those who helped in the kitchen, to set up and clean up the hall, and provided assistance during the party.

Terry Lijewski, Family Activities Director

