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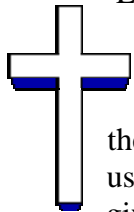
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### Chaplain's Message



Easter is the season of great rejoicing in the Church- a time to celebrate the life God has given us- not just here on earth but for all eternity. God has raised Jesus from the dead and has brought eternal life to all of us. The resurrection means that God has given us hope in all situations in life. God knew that we needed to hear Good News. If we listen to newscasters, we do not often hear any good news. We hear about the dismal economy, the high crime rate, and other statistics which can emphasize the difficulties of life and not the victorious life God gives us. How does God expect us to have hope? How can we be joyful in the midst of seemingly overwhelming odds? The answer is Jesus Christ. Despite overwhelming odds, Jesus remained obedient. Jesus could have decided that dying for us wasn't worth the trouble. Were we worth the risk? Jesus says Yes! We are worth the risk! And it was a risk for Christ because we still have the right to turn from Him. Pope Benedict XVI said that God would have been justified in not redeeming us, because we had rejected God. In his encyclical Deus Caritas Est (God is Love), Pope Benedict said that our sin turned God against himself - his righteousness against his mercy. But righteousness and mercy met in Jesus.

As Christians, we can see a vision for our eternal life and can make decisions based upon our faith in Christ. Our salvation is not in the stock market or in our politics. We must remind ourselves through personal daily prayer and constant reflection that our perspective in life does not change with the stock market or the other fluctuating factors in the news. We must keep focused on the fundamental principles which shape our lives. A fundamental teaching of the church concerns life. The human embryo is a human person, has a right to life, and is entitled to all the rights of a human person. We should be aware that calling abortion a fundamental right would mean that tit cannot be taken away; that it would have to be

defended; that Catholic hospitals would not be able to deny a fundamental right; and that teachers would be required to teach that abortion is fundamental right.

We are entering a time when our religious beliefs are being challenged, and we should be ready to defend them. Capital punishment is still being debated in the Maryland legislature, and we are facing changes in our government policies toward life. Since Easter is about life, we can renew our efforts to defend the most vulnerable in our society. We are the voice for the voiceless. We can respect the life Christ has given us by defending life.

Thank you for all your prayers. This is one of my "letters from seminary." Seminary is a wonderful confirmation of the truth of Church teachings. The grace of God has allowed me to adapt to my transition. I heard recently that for older citizens, the greatest source of stress is transition. This is a good reminder to keep our lives in perspective, so that we can adjust knowing that Christ and Mary are with us. I have found great comfort in seeking Mary's intercession. Mary was faced with many transitions and she relied upon her faith in the love of God. Mary's greatest joy was that she was Jesus' disciple, as we strive to be.

Please pray for the seminarians. They are willing to follow Christ even when there is much pressure to focus more on worldly achievement than a life of faith. God is blessing the good work you do.

May this time of Easter be time of inner joy, free from anxiety, in the peace of Jesus Christ, our savior.

*Deacon Greg Rapisarda*

### Grand Knight's Message

There are two issues I would like to discuss this month: improving communications and nominations.

First up is the improvement of communications. I want to keep everyone apprised about some of the items we are working on to improve communication for Bel Air Council; our notification processes. There are two basic types of notifications: Prayer Tree requests and event information/cancellations. For years now the Council has had a prayer tree. Any member can initiate a request for prayers or inform the council of a member's passing by calling our Alive and Well Chairmen, Victor Ferrara, at 410.569.4171. Victor has a number of calling Captains who contact small groups of our Council members. At our February Social Meeting and again at our March business meeting we asked members if they wish to be added to the prayer tree phone list or become volunteers to act as calling Captains. The second process is for event information or cancellations: The Council does not have a written policy outlining how we notify our members about information on events or event cancellations. This was apparent when I cancelled the February Business meeting. We will be developing such a policy in the near future. I have discussed this with the Council Officers and the Knight's Ladies. Dave Custer and Victor Ferrara are leading this effort.

Second issue is the Nomination Committee. Bill Vanden Enyden and Terry Lijewski have volunteered to be two of the three members of the nomination committee for the upcoming Fraternal Year. Nomination Committee begins work in March and prepares the Officer's Slate for the May nomination slate and June elections. We are looking for a few good men to step forward and fill some key positions in the Council. There are a few Chair Officer positions that need to be filled. There will be some activity chair positions that need to be filled as well. Events like the Car Raffle and Tootsie Roll need volunteers to get things organized in June before the new administration takes over.

Let me leave you with a quote I used earlier this year 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." To remain a strong council in our community resolve to get involved. We are all called to serve. It is why you became a Knight. Find your way to serve. It doesn't take much, volunteer for just 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 at 443.417.7538

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

## **Fraternal Benefits**

### **Teach your children well ...**

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and you share it with those children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, or the newest and best home theater system, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I'd like to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, we'll

be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

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

### **Financial Secretary Message**

Several members have said that the degree on their membership card is incorrect. If you have such an issue with your card please let me know either by phone or by email.

*John Knapstein, [jdk92048@aol.com](mailto:jdk92048@aol.com)*  
(410) 692-9823

### **Sick and Deceased**

Your prayers are requested for all the Brothers, Ladies, Family Members and Friends who are experiencing serious health problems at this time:

Brothers: Richard Barkkume; Jack Bauernschub; Bernie Classon; William Collins; Frank DiAngelo; Pete Kozak; Ross Liberati; John Maloy (Old-time Knight, 94 years young, who put in a lot of hours on the car raffle and tootsie roll drive); Paul Manager; Robert Michels; Pat Ruckle; and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume; Georgia Classon; Jean DiAngelo; Kitty DiDio; Owena Liberati; Marguerite Ward and Martha West.

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

Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends: We all mourn the loss of Kit Belli, wife of Charles Belli. Father Bryan Belli's parish in Virginia was so helpful to the Knights of Columbus by supplying much of the food for the reception after Mass. May the soul of Kit Belli and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Pray the Rosary each day during Lent! If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers, please get in touch with me.

*Victor V. Ferrara* (410) 569-4171

### **Investment Club**

Congratulations to Phyllis Dernetz, Michael Fahres, Ralph Durham and Ron Krebs winners in the March drawing.

*Ray Caralle, PGK*

### **Knights Ladies**

Spring is in the air! After a long, dreary winter it is so nice to think about warmer, sunnier days. I know that everyone is happy to say good bye to winter and the Lenten season and welcome spring and Easter.

Our Knights and Ladies are working together in a joint effort supporting the Confirmation class at St. Margaret's. Each child will receive a special memento gift from the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the following great events:

April 19 - St Francis Xavier Fourth Degree Assembly will be hosting their Bull & Shrimp Feast.

April 27 Mary Ann Jung's One Woman Presentation of Queen Bess and covered dish dinner. Admission is \$5 and a covered dish. Please contact Pat Lijewski if you are going to attend, and let her know what covered dish you plan to bring. Be sure to bring your recipe to share.

And just as a reminder, Ladies, don't forget the Apostleship of the Sea is still accepting your surplus religious items. The Welcome Home Blankets for our returning G.I.'s is still an ongoing project. Please bring a lap blanket in any color, it can be store bought, hand knitted, crocheted, or quilted. The only requirement is that the blanket is washable.

-Pat Reppert introduced the Red Envelope Project to the ladies. All it entails is sending a empty red envelope to President Barack Obama letting him know why you are opposed to his position on abortions, stem-cell research etc. To participate all you need to do is send an empty Red Envelope to:

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave,  
Washington, D.C. 20500

On the back of the envelope write:

"This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to

offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception. This heart stopped beating today."

Put a stamp on it, seal it and mail it. You do not have to use your return address. You can send as many envelopes as you wish and as often as you wish.

God Bless you all, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!  
**Dee Kozlowski**, President Bel Air Knights Ladies Auxiliary

**Dates to Remember**

Apr 3	BINGO
Apr 5	Palm Sunday
Apr 7	Business Meeting
Apr 10	Good Friday
Apr 10	BINGO
Apr 12	Easter Sunday
Apr 13	Card Party 7-11 PM
Apr 14	KC Club Meeting
Apr 17	BINGO
Apr 19	St. Francis Xavier Assembly 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Bull and Shrimp Roast
Apr 21	Ladies/Social Meeting
Apr 24	BINGO
Apr 26	Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
Apr 27	Queen Bess
Apr 28	Officers Meeting
May 1	BINGO
May 5	Business Meeting
May 8	BINGO
May 11	Card Party 7-11 PM
May 12	KC Club Meeting
May 15	BINGO
May 19	Ladies/Social Meeting
May 22	BINGO
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26	Officers Meeting
May 29	BINGO
May 31	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass/Breakfast

**District Awards Dinner at Bishop Becker Council**



**BULL AND SHRIMP ROAST**  
To benefit the St. Francis Xavier Assembly  
4th Degree

April 19, 2009  
1:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
23 Newport Drive  
Forest Hill, MD 21050

**MENU**

Steam Shrimp	Cheese and Vegetable tray
Pit Beef	Baked Chicken
Pit Ham	Red skin potatoes
Bread, rolls and condiments	Baked Beans
Fresh salad	Green Beans almandine
Italian sausage and onions	Assorted cakes and pies

Beer, wine and soda

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Bob Hickey 410-274-7699  
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## Spaghetti Dinner

The Order of the Sons of Italy in America is a charitable organization. We are dedicated to the cure and elimination of Alzheimer's disease, Cooley's anemia, Cancer and also providing scholarships to deserving High School Graduates.

In order to raise moneys for these worthy causes, the OSIA is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner.

April 26, 2009  
12:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
Knights of Columbus  
Newport Room  
23 Newport Drive  
Forest Hill, MD 21050

\$8.00 per person by reservation

\$9.00 per person at the door

\$3.00 each for children 7-12

Free admission for children 6 or under

For tickets call:

Victor Ferrara 410-569-4171

**Knights Ladies and the  
Glamorous Globe Hatters  
Jointly Presents:**

**Monday April 27** Return appearance of Mary Ann Jung as  
**“Queen Bess”**



England's Golden Age was named in honor of its greatest Queen, Elizabeth Tudor. This brilliant leader was the first female to rule England alone and successfully. How did she achieve such a feat? With immense intelligence, charm, and the ability to comprise.

**This will be a smorgasbord dinner. So sign up to bring your favorite/famous dish plus the recipe. Remember the feast we had at the Julia Child presentation? Let's make this a meal fit for a Queen.**



**Cost \$5 at the door. Your Hand will be stamped after payment is received to participate at the banquet.**

**5:00PM Doors Open**

**7:00PM Presentation**

Knights of Columbus Hall 23 Newport Rd. Forest Hill, 21050

**Our Queen Mum invites all subjects to attend. That means family and friends but remember all that attend must pay at the door and bring something to the dinner.**

For information, reservations and the menu call **Pat Lijewski**  
**410-879-5872, 2512 Deer Valley Way, Bel Air, Md. 21015**

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