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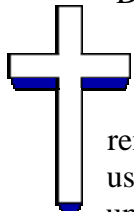
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### Chaplain's Message



During this Easter season, we rejoice in the wonderful blessings God has bestowed upon us. In our rejoicing, we become more aware that while our Church remains stable, our society changes around us. We see a changing world, but an unchanging God. The Church's teachings are eternal, so they don't change with cultural fads or the latest trends. We are continually reminded that the sound doctrine of the Church allows us to find comfort during changing times. We are witnessing not only a change of government and the accumulation of debt, but also an increasing change in how the foundations of our country are interpreted. Our news continues to be filled with a tragic events and stories of people who find these times difficult. Yet we are called to see through the eyes of God. Easter is a time of hope, and hope springs from the resurrection of Jesus.

We find comfort in knowing that the Church will always respect the dignity of life. Violence continues to increase, and respect for the unborn continues to diminish. This means that, as the culture continues to drift away from its Christian roots, the Church is becoming more counter-cultural. As our society drifts from foundational orinciples, the Church will seem more radical. Even our call to love and forgive will seem unreasonable to some. This should not be a reason for discouragement, but a reason for our continued commitment to proclaim the kingdom of God. We can have confidence that peace cannot be found in seeking temporal remedies. Our peace comes from Jesus Christ, and Christ is revealed in the teachings of the Church.

The Blessed Mother is an example of one who trusted in God, even though her culture rejected her. Her life was dedicated to her Son. Her consent to be the Mother of God meant that she would suffer the ridicule of others. It meant that she would be an

instrument of God for the good of all people. Mary is an example of stability in times of change, because she remained faithful to what God called her to be. We are also called to remain faithful.

Because the Knights support the Church, it becomes a sign of comfort and stability. May the Lord continue to bless us with the joy which comes from knowing Jesus.

*Deacon Greg Rapisarda*

### Grand Knight's Message

#### MAINTAINING A STRONG COUNCIL

As we begin to wind down this 50th anniversary year, I want to share with you something that is on Supreme's website when you select the link to "Why Join the Knights of Columbus?" Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Knights are catholic men, 18 years of age or older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

This council has followed that guidance for 50 years. Bel Air Council does this through the work of four organizations all important pieces of Bel Air Council. Obviously the first is the Council itself through the programs we support in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth throughout the year. Next because of BINGO proceeds we established a Charity Corps that functions as part of the Council to disperse our charitable funds IAW the will of the Council through the Trustees, Grand Knight, and member at large. Next there is a Home Corporation or KC Club which acts as our buildings and grounds organization taking care of this council hall and much more. These three organizations are

all run by Knights. Next we have Our Knight's Ladies which are as much a part of this Council as the other three. No married Knight has a family life without his lady. Our Council can not truly support its families without Our Knight's Ladies.

As your Grand Knight this year I have tried to include Our Ladies in the Council planning meetings held every fourth Tuesday but we need to do more than just share a planning session and coordinate event calendars. I would like to see our Council Church programs mimic and support the work Our Ladies do IN our Churches. Our Ladies make special events special like the December Birthday party after our Anniversary Mass; but they do much more. Our Ladies have programs that operate in the Churches we support. We as a Council are missing an opportunity if we do not embrace Our Ladies programs and coordinate support to them. Our Ladies should feel every bit a part of this Council as the men. I believe Our Ladies should be carrying with them form 100s. Most of the Ladies they are talking and working with are married to Catholic men – prospects for our Council. In fact, I did not join the Knights because some guy stood in front of a podium and told me why I should serve as a Knight and the benefits of being a Knight. I joined because Cindy nudged me down the hall.

Bel Air is a strong Council because our members are involved. Our Council will only remain a strong Council if we understand what all these organizations do and how they work together. To maintain a strong Council each one of these important parts of Bel Air Council must support each other.

*Stephen Conley, Grand Knight*  
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### **District Deputy Message**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the District Meeting on April 18th. There was a good lively discussion with the State representatives, both Membership and report writing. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to everyone when they are transcribed.

Columbian Award Applications (SP-7) are due at the Supreme Council office by June 30th. The form is found in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) and at [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms). Every council should

submit a Columbian Award application. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter. Qualifying for the award is necessary for consideration for the Star Council Award. If you qualify for Star Council and do not submit the Columbian Award application you will NOT get Star Council.

Make sure that your council will meet all the requirements for the Star Council Award by qualifying for the Father McGivney, Founders' and Columbian awards. Among the eligibility requirements for these awards are: conducting and reporting at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories using the Columbian Award Application (form 1436) by June 30; achieving associate member quota; and achieving insurance member quota. Note all membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed and recorded at the Supreme council office by June 30th.

In this time of financial crisis it is it is even more important that we remember the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. By now the Grand Knights should have distributed the envelopes for the Charity Fund. Our District has had several members call upon the Fund for financial assistance. It is important that we contribute to the fund to ensure that the finances are there for our Brother Knights in their time of need. If you have not contributed please consider making a donation, any amount would go a long way to help our Brothers.

It is that time of the year when our thoughts turn to the convention. Registration forms are available from your Grand Knight or on line at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org). Registrations should be submitted prior to April 15th or it will cost you an extra \$10.00. If you take any children to the Ocean then you should register them for the Youth Activities. Registration forms are available from your Grand Knight or on line at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org).

The next scheduled 1st Degree in the District is May 5th at Bel Air Council. Candidates must be there by 7:30pm, the degree will start at 8:00pm. Remember membership is the life blood of any organization.

Vivat Jesus  
*Mike Clemens DD #16*

## **Financial Secretary Message**

I will be ordering member badges. If you need a name badge let me know.

**John Knapstein**, [jdk92048@aol.com](mailto:jdk92048@aol.com)

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## **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:** Jack Bauernschub; Richard Barkkume; Bernie Classon; William Collins; Frank DiAngelo; Pete Kozak; Ross Liberati; 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:** Chris Litz, son of Don Litz; Jean Potter, wife of Joe Potter; Tom Ellis, son-in-law of Gene Stallings (Tom is presently undergoing chemotherapy for cancer); John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; and, John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois.

**Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends:** We all mourn of John Maloy, our Brother Knight. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

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 April winners: Matt Caralle, Tom Sutera, Mike Brancowski and Walter Cronin.

**Ray Caralle, PGK**

## **Perry Point Program**

The month of June is Bel Air Council's turn to assist the Veterans at Perry Point to attend Mass at the chapel of the facility. Mass is at 10:30 AM on Sunday and we should plan on being there by 10:00 AM. Those wishing to drive together with other members should plan on being at the Park & Ride on Route 24 near Richlin Ballroom. We plan on leaving there at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions about this program, please call either Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058.

## **Family Activities**

Congratulations to George and Ann Naised and Jerry Wagner for being selected as Family of the Month for March and April, respectively.

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

## **Knights Ladies**

Hello Ladies,

It is May, the month of Our Lady. Remember to say your rosary everyday this month in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Also you may want to check your parish bulletins to see what special May celebrations are available.

Father Jeff McFillin of Sparrow House was our guest and gave a brief speech about the services Sparrow House provides to young women experiencing crisis pregnancies. To date, Sparrow House has saved the lives of 169 babies who might have been otherwise aborted. The Auxiliary donated \$300 to further their work and told Father how happy we are to be able to support their ministry in a small way.

Karen Clemens of St Margaret's was also present to accept a check from the men for the Confirmation program.

Betty B brought in a report from Johns Hopkins about new developments on cancer treatments and prevention. Since Cancer attacks both men and women the decision was made to share it at the Social meeting. Bernie Classen read the report. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the report please contact Dee Kozlowski 410-676-2862 and let me know if you desire an email or printed version.

There is still time to toss your hat into the ring. If you are interested in running for office please contact either Mary Jane or Natalie Boyd.

I hope you all have a very pleasant month and I look forward to seeing you May 19th at our next meeting.

Till then may God bless and keep you and your loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dee Kozlowski**, President Bel Air Knights Ladies Auxiliary

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