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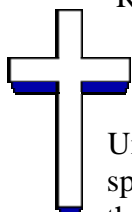
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### Chaplain's Message



Recently, I heard Carl Anderson, our Supreme Knight, give a commencement address for the Pope John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family at Catholic University (my daughter's graduation). He spoke about our Catholic identity and how that identity is founded around the issues of life. The Knights need to remain a steady voice for the voiceless. It was encouraging as a Knight to hear Mr. Anderson defend life, and explain why the Knights' work is so necessary in the life of the Church.

We make our Catholic identity visible not just the big decisions in life, but also in our day-to-day activities. Our participation at mass on Sunday, receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist, and our daily prayers along with simple acts of respect throughout the course of the day, help identify us as Catholics.

As the Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost, we are offered an opportunity to reflect upon how the Holy Spirit works in our lives, and in the life of the church. The Holy Spirit not only guides and directs the Church, but also speaks to each of us in the intimacy of our own hearts. Our disposition in life should be directed toward following the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit. Often, our busy-ness prevents us from listening, as our lives are directed more toward tasks than contemplation.

In planning our summer, we can make sure that some time is set aside for actual leisure and renewing our spirits. We can reflect upon how our lives reflect the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We can examine whether these fruits are manifest in our lives or whether they seem to be illusive. In allowing our selves to be open, the Holy Spirit offers us the insight we need. We are guided

by the Holy Spirit not just in times of crisis, but in the simple thoughts and tasks of each day. God is intimately present in our lives, and is aware of the struggles we face each day.

I hope this summer will provide some rest from busy schedules, and some time to contemplate the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.

Thanks to your prayers, I have completed my first of two years at St. Mary's Seminary and am residing at the rectory at St. Francis De Sales in Abingdon, where I will serve over the next year. May the Lord continue to bless all that you do.

*Deacon Greg Rapisarda*

### Grand Knight's Message

This is my final note as your Grand Knight. It has been my honor to serve you this year but my term and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year are closing. From here out we need to focus on our future. Why are we here? What is the purpose of the Knights of Columbus Bel Air Council 4714? Do we exist to run Friday Bingo and pay the mortgage on our hall or is there more? What motivates our brothers to support the Knights of Columbus through Bel Air Council 4714 and serve Our Lord? I have been challenging this Council with these questions since my arrival here in 2003. The future of our Council hinges on a group of men gathering together and defining these answers - soon.

I have voiced my concerns about this since '03 and for one last time I will provide my concept of our Council's vision. We must revitalize our efforts and be a viable asset to our Catholic community, by way of our Churches and Catholic Schools. Our Church programs, Youth programs, and Family programs should focus on serving our Catholic community in the following locations: the Churches of St. Mark's and St Margaret's; the Catholic schools in our area, St. Margaret's Schools and The John Carroll School.

This is where we should be running our programs, our events. The hall through Bingo and rentals should be how we fund the programs focused on our support to our Catholic Community. It is in these places where Catholic Gentlemen, the Knights of Columbus, feel the Lord's vocation to serve. We must remain in-touch with our Catholic community.

I want to thank everyone who has led or assisted with an event this year to include Our Knight's Ladies for making this our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a very special year. Finally from [1 Timothy 1:11-13](#): I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service.

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

### **District Deputy Message**

A big thank you to Robert Hickey for handling the Hospitality Room at the Convention. For those of you who did not attend the convention, we had a great time. Your Worthy District Deputy, District Warden and the Grand Knight represented the district rather well at the Grand Knights Olympics.

The State is sponsoring a program called "The Silver Rose". This similar to the Icon program. There will be three (3) Silver Roses leaving Canada and traveling down America. One Silver Rose will be coming to Maryland on July 5th and traveling through the State and going to Virginia on July 26th. Any Council or Assembly wishing to host the rose should contact IPSD Edgar Haynes.

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.

Please remember the Wheel Chair Fund. The goal is to collect \$16,500 in order to have a truckload of Wheel chairs delivered to us. This way we will be able to determine who gets the wheel chair. We are about one-third of the way to our goal. Donations should be mailed to Bernie Classon, he is the Chairman of this endeavor.

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.

The next scheduled 1st Degree in the District is June 2nd at Corpus Christi. Candidates must be there by 7:00pm, the degree will start at 7:30pm. This will be followed by a 2nd Degree on Monday June 8th at Bel Air Council. Candidates must be there by 7:30pm. Remember membership is the life blood of any organization

Vivat Jesus  
**Mike Clemens DD #16**

### **Fraternal Benefits**

#### **Appreciating our Families**

We spend so much time caring for our families. Our work hours revolve around providing a living and supporting our families. Our evening and weekend hours revolve around spending time and sharing experiences with our families. Even our Knights of Columbus hours are an outlet to support our church and community which has a positive effect on our families.

So ... you can imagine my dismay when we visit with a brother knight's widow and she is in poor economic shape. I strongly urge all of our members to spend some of that "family time" doing some preplanning.

A former State Chaplain once told me that being a husband and father was one of the highest vocations a man could have. Isn't it appropriate to make sure your wife will truly be okay if something happens to you? Call me, your council advisor. Get the peace of mind that doing the right thing brings.

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

### **Council Activities**

#### ***Business Meeting Start Time Change***

The July 7<sup>th</sup> Council Business Meeting and all subsequent business meetings will start at **7:30PM**.

#### ***Fraternal Year '09 Slate of Officers***

<b><u>Officer Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name(s)</u></b>
Grand Knight	Edward Staniewicz
Deputy Grand Knight	Will Wilcox
Chancellor	John Grigaliunas
Warden	Tom Rappold
Treasurer	Charlie Belli
Recorder	Jerry Wagner
Advocate	Wayne Davis
Lecturer	Bernie Classon
Inside Guard	Buddy Littlefield
Outside Guard	Dave Custer
Trustees	Tom Classon Al DiCocco Steve Conley

Other nominations for any offices will be solicited at the June Business meeting, when elections will be held.

#### ***Fourth Degree Flag Retirement Ceremony***

At the next social meeting on June 16 at 6:45 PM our Fourth Degree Assembly will be conducting a flag retirement ceremony. During a brief ceremony old flags will be burned and the ashes will be disposed of in a dignified and fitting manner. If you have any old flags and wish to dispose of them the Assembly will accept them and take care of them for you.

**SK Bernie Classon, FN, PGK, FDD**  
**St Francis Xavier Assembly 4th Degree**

### ***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; Mike Fay; Peter Kozak; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Robert Michels; Pat Ruckle; John Joseph; and Bill Wilhelm.

**Ladies:** Olga Barkkume; Georgia Classon; Jean DiAngelo; Kitty DiDio; Owena Liberati; Pat Lijewski (back operation); 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 Eugene Stallings; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; Maria Stahelek, presently being treated for pancreatic cancer; and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois.

**Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends:** We all mourn the loss of John DiCocco, father of Al DiCocco; Julia Dino, sister of Victor Ferrara; and Daniel Reardon III, member of our Council. May their souls 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 the following winners: Jim Anderson, Charles Slimowicz, Dylan McGuire, Kit Belli, Joseph Potter, Tom Sutera and Charles Corson. This was the last drawing for this cycle.

**Ray Caralle, PGK**

### **Community Activities**

#### ***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.

### ***Special Olympics Volunteers Needed***

The Maryland Special Olympics Summer Games will be held on Friday, June 5th, Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th at Towson University Stadium. Friday night is the Block Party from 5-7pm and it's a fun time. They would need volunteers to arrive anywhere from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm or 6:00 to 10:00 to help with set up of the carnival games, arrange food, and other duties. Opening Ceremonies start at 7:30 and I'm told it is a very moving experience.

On Saturday and Sunday, they could use help all day long from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to be score-keepers, time-keepers, athlete escorts, data entry personnel, distribute lunches and beverages, and many other duties. There are numerous volunteer opportunities for you and your family and friends 16 years of age and older. Do not let this opportunity to enhance your Council's partnership with Special Olympics slip away!

Special Olympics will gladly accept volunteers for any chunk of that time that they are available. Even if its only for an hour.

To volunteer for this event go to <http://registrations.somd.org/summergames09.asp>. In the block where it says "Group" put KoC. Once you submit your request, call or email me so I can track everyone and make sure that your request was received.

Vivat Jesus!

**Walt Wankowski**, Special Olympics Chairman  
Maryland State Council

### ***Family Activities***

#### ***Family of the Month***

Congratulations to Paul and Mary Jane Zarachowicz for being selected as Family of the Month for May.

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

#### ***District Golf Outing***

August 2nd at Exton Golf Course at 12:30. Cost will be \$35.00 per player which includes golf, cart, food, prizes and everyone will receive 2 golf balls and a bag of tees. This outing is also open to women and children who play golf (or don't). The idea is to have fun. Put your foursomes together and let me know.

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

### ***Knights Ladies***

The May crowning of Mary Our Blessed Virgin Mother was held outside the council home before our regular meeting. It was a lovely event. In addition to crowning Our Lady, we sang songs and prayed the Fifth decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary - (The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven). Since our Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were unable to attend and I was the only officer present, we ladies opted to conduct a brief, informal meeting covering items of interest to those present.

Natalie Boyd announced that there will be a day of reflection at St. Mary Magdalene on May 31st, from 3 to 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. Betty B. announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries for June and then read a beautiful and thought provoking article entitled "The Invisible Mother." We briefly discussed the upcoming agenda for next month.

Be sure to attend the June meeting because we will be voting for the Lady of the Year. Lady of the Year should go to a woman who did a great deal for the council. Although sometimes the most visible people who are always buzzing around come to mind first, I suggest you take some time to consider the ladies who faithfully give their help without being asked - the ones who see a need and pitch in. They are seldom recognized and yet they are the life blood of our organization. Or the ladies who have celebrated the council with a lifetime of service and helped make its history. These are the true heroines of the council. We will also be holding our election of officers. There is still time, if you feel the call to serve the auxiliary in this capacity, to throw your hat in the ring. Take it from me, being an officer of this auxiliary is an experience you will remember for a lifetime.

It's hard to believe that our fraternal year is almost over. As we come to the close of our year, we recall the past and anticipate the future. In recalling the past, I am so delighted to announce that our auxiliary, KNIGHT'S LADIES BEL AIR COUNCIL #4714, won FIRST PLACE in the entire state for our senior citizen activity.

The beautiful plaque says,

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MAY 16, 2009  
Richard V. Siejack  
State Deputy

I will bring the plaque to the June meeting for everyone to see before it takes its place of honor on the Council wall.

As always, I wish health and happiness to you and your loved ones. Until next month...  
*Dee Kozlowski*, President Bel Air Knights Ladies Auxiliary

**Dates to Remember**

Jun 2	Business Meeting 8:00PM
Jun 5	BINGO
Jun 8	Card Party 7-11 PM
Jun 8	Second Degree Ceremony
Jun 9	KC Club Meeting
Jun 12	BINGO
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 16	Ladies/Social Meeting
Jun 19	BINGO
Jun 23	Officers Meeting
Jun 26	BINGO
Jul 3	BINGO
Jul 4	Independence Day
<b>Jul 7</b>	<b>Business Meeting 7:30PM</b>
Jul 10	BINGO
Jul 13	Card Party 7-11 PM
Jul 14	KC Club Meeting
Jul 17	BINGO
Jul 19	Installation of Officers 2:00PM
Jul 21	Ladies/Social Meeting
Jul 24	BINGO
Jul 28	Officers Meeting
Jul 31	BINGO



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