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Bel Air Council 4714



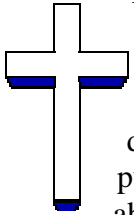
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Chaplain's Message



The current health care debate has shown that people are deeply concerned about defending life. People want good health care, and want to trust that prudent decisions will be made on their behalf. The public has questioned the government's ability to defend end of life issues.

The Church supports life from conception to natural death and holds that it is the obligation of government to protect the dignity of the human person. The Vatican document on Bioethics, *Dignitatis Persona*, begins, "The dignity of a person must be recognized in every human being from conception to natural death." Our life is a gift from God, and we have a duty to respect that life. We cannot do as we please, or to think that life is solely in our hands to do with what we want. We are not the masters of life, and we are not the masters of death. We are called to entrust ourselves to God. We do not fully understand the purpose of suffering and the many difficulties which come from aging and frailty. We do know that God is aware of our sufferings and we can trust that God will always apply them for the good of our salvation.

The current debate focuses our attention on appointing someone to make health care decisions for us in the event that we are unable to do so. We should entrust those decisions to someone who will respect life and be aware of Catholic teaching. It is permissible to state in your advance directives that you wish your health care agent to consult with a priest, and that any decision be made in accordance with Catholic teaching.

We pray that any change in our health care system will protect life, and that the demands of insurance coverage or government entity will not restrict one's right to die a natural death. We pray that our laws will support the right to life.

Let us pray that all may respect our gift of life.

Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

The month of September is now upon us. Vacations are just about over and many will flock to Ocean City and many other resorts for the Labor Day weekend. We at the council will have our Annual Family picnic on September 13 from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Bring your family and friends. We are requesting that you to bring a cover dish. As stated before, the council will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. The picnic will be both indoor and outdoor. Those who wish to watch the Ravens on TV will be able to do so in the Columbus Room. Those who will play games can be outdoors. Please contact either Tom Rappold @ 410-879-0854 or myself @ 410-529-7114 and let us know the number that will attend and what cover dish you will bring.

John Welsh our Youth Activities chair will be collecting school supplies for St. Margaret's school and for St. Mark's CCD classes. Many stores have school supplies on sale. You can bring the supplies in at any time through the month of September. This is for a good cause and it helps the parishes we support.

Once again, I must mention the car raffle. We are requesting that our members participate in the car raffle. We need your help. Send in your tickets to John Grigaliunas our Chancellor @ 8 Glen Gate Ct., Bel Air, MD 21014.

Following the car raffle, we will go into the Tootsie Roll. Paul Zarachowicz will be chairing the Tootsie Roll Project and will call for your help.

The Annual Columbus Day Ball will be held October 10th at the La Fontaine Bleue. The cost is \$42.50 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

Year for Priests, June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010—Pray for our Priest who sacrifice their time to guide us. Pray that the Lord will bless us with more vocations.

Fraternally yours in Christ
Edward Staniewicz, Grand Knight

District Deputy Message

A District meeting was recently held with the Grand Knights. District wide social functions were discussed as well as order business. We are going to have an awards dinner at the end of October; every council in the district will receive an award. We also have a committee looking into a dinner for the religious of our district, more details will be forthcoming.

This September 11, 2009 is the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the United States. This solemn event will be marked by fourth annual Orderwide World Day of Prayer for Peace. Every council should plan a special event for this day.

Each month, 100 families are selected from the “Family of the Month” nominees sent to the Supreme Council office to receive a beautiful Holy Family Icon. Is your council participating?? If not why not.

By now each council should have submitted the following reports to Supreme:

- Aug 1 Service Program Personnel Report
- Aug 15 Semi Annual Audit

Each year the councils of the District support the churches in their area by forming a Round Table. Each year the Report of Round Table Coordinator (#2629) is required to be submitted. Even if you submitted one last year you MUST submit it again.

It is not too early to be thinking about the Columbus Day Ball on Oct. 10 the Ball is a fun time and a time to meet old friends. It would be nice to see District 16 well represented. Should we be thinking about getting a yellow limousine with a black racing strip to get everyone from the district to the ball?? The Columbus Day Ball will be held at LaFontaine Bleue and cost \$42.50 per person. It is also time to be submitting your Columbus Day Ball ad. The ad is due by September 9th.

Mark your calendar with the following dates: Aug 16 Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Installation of Officers at Church of the Crucifixion, this has been rescheduled to a later date, August 30 State Picnic.

Vivat Jesus
Mike Clemens DD #16

Financial Secretary Message

Since becoming the new Financial Secretary in July, I have noticed that several members have either changed or discontinued their phone service. If any member has experienced any change in phone number, address, or would like to share your e-mail address with the Council, please call me to have your status updated. Thanks for your cooperation.

Call with your changes.
Tom Sutera (410) 638-1096

Fraternal Benefits

It seems like just yesterday ...

Any parent reading this will quickly come up with countless ways to complete that last sentence. The point is – time flies and tomorrow will (or has) arrive quicker than expected. Will you be ready?

If you meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers, the answer – at least financially – will be “yes”. During that annual visit, he’ll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. And he’ll recommend a program of life insurance, long term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. Or you may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. Or worried about needing costly long term care that could deplete your hard-earned assets. Or about having something to leave for your children or grandchildren.

Whatever your needs ... whatever your concerns, I can help.

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

Council Activities

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; Bernie Classon; William Collins; Sam DiDio; Frank DiAngelo; Mike Fay, Al Kramer (removal of cataracts from both eyes); Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Robert Michels; John Joseph ; Vernon West; and Bill Wilhelm.

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

Family Members and Friends: Tom Ellis, son-in-law of Gene Stallings; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; John Spampinato, bother-in-law of Francis Stallings; and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois, (John still needs your prayers); and LuAnne Belmonte's mother.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends: Please remember Cecelia Zarachowicz, sister-in-law of Paul Zarachowicz. May her 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

Pot Of Gold

Each month at the Business Meeting, the Council conducts a "Pot of Gold" drawing. All that is required is your attendance. The prizes range from \$5.00 to \$50.00. After there is a winner, the prize starts at \$5.00 and each month that a name is drawn and the winner is not in attendance, \$5.00 is added to

the kitty until it reaches the maximum prize of \$50.00. You must be in attendance to win. See you at the next meeting! The winning number drawn at the August meeting was Robert Joy. He was not there and the prize for September will be \$10.00.

Family Picnic

Date: Sept. 13, 2009

Time: 12 noon to 5 pm

Place: 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill MD

Come to a family and friends get together! Picnic will be held outdoors with tables and chairs under cover. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of side dishes as provided by our members. Beer and soda will be available. Desserts also included.

There will be games and activities for all. Open to all Knights, Knights Ladies, their families, extended families and their invited guests.

The best part is that there will be no charge to anyone!!

Contact Ed Staniewicz at 410-529-7114 or Tom Rappold at 410-879-0854 and let them know how many people will be attending from your family or for more information.

Car Raffle

I would like to thank the members that have responded to mailings, approximately 30% so far, but more are needed to reach our goal. Some members have sold more tickets and anyone that would like more tickets call me or go to the mall display.

I would like to thank members that have volunteered to sit at the mall; I think our display is attractive.

We have about a month to go (after you receive this) so hopefully you can still provide the assistance that is need at the mall or thru ticket sales.

I know we have a great council thru it's membership and most "chip in" one way or another.

John Grigaliunas, Chairman and Chancellor

Community Activities

School Supplies Drive

The men are launching a drive for school supplies to be distributed to the St. Margaret School, St. Mary Magdalen School and St. Mark's CCD. We would also like to ask the ladies and the Friday night Bingo for help in collecting school supplies. Bring any school supplies to the KofC home during Aug and Sept. Thankyou,

John Welsh (410) 838-7764

Perry Point Program

The month of October 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. Try joining us on one of the four Sundays in this month. If you have any questions about this program, please call either Tom Sutera at 410 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at 410 679-7058.

Thanksgiving Baskets

On November 22nd the Bel Air Knights will once again be distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in our area. We depend on donations from our members in the way of boxed and canned food goods to defray the cost and enable the Council to reach as many families as possible. When you come to a meeting, please bring something that will support this effort. It's not too early to begin saving a few items. Volunteers will be need to help setup the baskets for delivery on Saturday the 21st. Drivers are needed for the 22nd and a kitchen crew to feed the drivers upon their return. Dip into your time, talent, and treasure and provide some service to our Community through this activity. If interested call Stephen Conley, PGK, at 443.417.7538 or email at knightsfc@gmail.com.

Family Activities

Family of the Month

Congratulations to Renni and Pat Bucci for being selected as Family of the Month for August.

Please remember that if any member would like to nominate someone as Family of the Month, please contact me. I am always looking for nominees.

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

District Golf Outing

Golf Outing was held on August 16th @ Exton Golf Course. There were 48 players. The first and second place winners in each group (there were 3 groups), received gift certificates from the golf course. Remaining players each received a golf tee packet that can be attached to their golf bag. A raffle was held with articles that were donated by the course manager; Mr. Ruben Ferguson. In addition to thanking Mr. Ferguson, We would also like to thank our District Deputy; Mike Clemens for picking up our food and setting up the tables. A good time was had by all and they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Ray Caralle, PGK rcaralle1@verizon.net

State Information

For the following trips contact Ronald B. White, Supreme Director @ 410-795-0862:

- Rocking Horse Resort Sept 21 to Sept 25 2009- Upstate New York. This includes three all you can eat meals, nightly entertainment and visit to West Point. Price \$654. per person double, \$774. single.
- Caribbean Cruise- Jan 11 to Jan 23, 2010. prices range from \$1082.55 inside to \$1272.55 outside. Cabins are limited at discounted prices book early.
- Northern Ireland and Scotland Departing between April 14 and April 19, 2010.

Prices and complete details will be available soon.

Knights Ladies

As I am sure you have been asked a hundred times by now "Is it Hot enough for you?" The other evening I watched the red hot sun set after a fierce storm and a rainbow flashed across the sky, it reminded me of the many wonders of our God and I said a quick thank you. And I must admit I was wondering when the cooler weather would come.

What a busy summer we have had. The elections, the installation, our survey, we have been a busy group. And let's not forget our Birthday Party. I sure hope you were able to attend. Mamie's Cafe is a fun place to have dinner with good home cooked food. From my point of view everyone appeared to really enjoy themselves.

How very lucky we are to have a great Treasurer. Recently an audit was conducted of the Ladies Auxiliary books and a report came back identifying, "All records were found to be in order". Way to go Mary. Special thanks to our audit team, LuAnne Belmonte and Betty Bourgeois.

I am sure you are anxiously awaiting the results of our survey. Some of the high lights are: More just Socials being requested, not always fundraisers, reduction of cash contributions to some organizations and increases to others and a reduced schedule of requested donations to organizations.. The new Budget and the Summary of Activities were handed out at the meeting to reflect a number of these changes. Our goal will be to continue doing so in the future. Tallying and attempting to incorporate the results was a time consuming job for our Executive committee. Their dedication in making our Organization a place for all ideas and opinions is greatly appreciated.

For you gardeners out there, we are searching for someone to take care of the garden at St. Margaret's Church. We have such a prominent place, directly in front of the church that displays our name; I really don't want us to lose the garden. So please think and pray about it, and let me know if you are interested in taking on this endeavor.

Some dates to remember:

- 9/13 Council picnic
- 10 /17 Oktoberfest
- 11/10 Ladies extra business mtg.
- 11/17 Memorial Mass
- 12/6 Ladies Christmas party
- 12/14 Ladies Fund Raiser at Bob Evans
- 12/31 Council's New Year's Eve party.

Birthdays

- 9/4- Yvonne Herring
- 9/7- Betty O'Leary
- 9/12- Juliette Drouin
- 9/22- Dorothy Higgins
- 9/27- Bernice Wilhelm

Anniversaries

- 9/1 Hugh and Jean Monahan
- 9/2 Bill and Pat Wilhelm
- 9/3 Guy and Sharon DiMatteo
- 9/12 Ross and Owena Liberati
- 9/22 Nelson and Rosalie Hoke

Words of wisdom: 'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you'.
Until next month.

Pat Lijewski, Knights Ladies Auxiliary President

Events to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- Anna's House Supplies (1) Supplies plus \$50
- Bagged Lunches
- Four Seasons Assisted Living
- Little Sisters of the Poor
- Can Goods for Thanksgiving baskets
- 9/13 council picnic

OCTOBER

- Bagged Lunches
- Four Seasons Assisted Living
- Can Goods for Thanksgiving baskets
- 10/17 Oktoberfest*

NOVEMBER

- Bagged Lunches
- Four Seasons Assisted Living
- 11/10 Extra Business Mtg.*
- Veterans Gifts & donations
- 11/17 KC Memorial Mass
- Can Goods for Thanksgiving baskets
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets prep.

DECEMBER

- Bagged Lunches
- Four Seasons Assisted Living
- Birthright Donations and gifts
- 12/6 Ladies Christmas Party
- 12/14 Bob Evans Fundraiser
- Children's Christmas Party (Cookies)
- Field's Christmas Party (Cookies)
- Senior Lunch at St. Margaret (Desserts)
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party

Come celebrate Oktoberfest with the
Knights Ladies of Bel Air Council #4714
23 Newport Dr. Forest Hill, Md. 21050



Saturday October 17, 2009

7-11PM

Celebrate Fall



**Dancing and singing and eating good food to include
Sour beef and dumplings, baked chicken, and of course
sauerkraut and sausage, vegetables and more.**

Cost: \$30 a couple and \$20 single.

**For information and reservations contact Sharon DiMatteo on
410-879-7633.**



Ring in the New Year with the

**Bel Air Knights of Columbus #4714
23 Newport Dr. Forest Hill, Md. 21050 410-893-6442**



12/31/09 8PM-1AM



Buffet dinner catered by Falcon Caterers

**Open Bar
Champagne at Mid-Night**



Music by DJ Barry Hart



Cost \$40

**For information and reservations please contact
Vic Ferrara 410-569-4171**

