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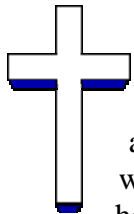
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Chaplain's Message



What would our life be like if we knew the future, and we knew that it would all be ok? Hopefully, we would worry less about certain details, and be more attentive to our relationships, especially with God, and maybe enjoy life. Since we hope to spend an eternity with God, we should probably get to know more about him. We don't have to wait. We can start now trying to understand and experience God's love for us, and God's promises to us.

In the Incarnation, we learn that God will become one of us, for our salvation, so that we can be restored to the relationship that God intended for us when He created Adam. Unfortunately, w as a human race turned against God. But now, the Resurrection means that Jesus who was like all things but sin has been raised by God, just like what God will do for us. When we know something wonderful is going to happen, and we are assured of it, it makes us live differently now. The stronger our faith is, the more we are assured in the promises of Christ. Through prayer and the sacraments, we learn to understand God's love for us, and as we understand that love more, we learn to trust God, and that trust brings us happiness.

We are an Easter people. People who have been given eternal life without doing anything. God's love and salvation is a free gift from God and we can never earn it. During this spring, let's take time to be aware of God's beauty in creation, and of the many gifts God gives us. We've all seen celebrations for various events, so we can celebrate like that in our hearts at the event which occurred for our eternal life. And we don't have to wait to later to enjoy life.

Happy Easter to all,
Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

Easter commemorates Christ resurrection, the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. It reminds us that we will someday enjoy eternal life with our Father. Easter brings spring, warmer weather when flowers began to bloom. Spring is here, and all the inclement weather has passed us, I am in hope that we will return and attend our meetings and get back to meeting our friends and participate in our activities. Please remember our deceased brother knights and ladies, especially Bill Berkowitz who recently passed.

Year of the Priest- Our district dinner in honor of the priest of our district took place on March 6. I would like to thank all those who attended and Bernie Classon who was the MC for this event.

In the March Columbia magazine, I read a story on Father James E. Coyle on page 31. Please take time to read the story about this wonderful priest. This is why we should appreciate the priest who serve God and are ready to serve us at all times. Let me remind all to pray for our Chaplain Fr. Ed's speedy recovery and for more vocations.

On March 7th, a Continental breakfast was served to the parishioner's attending the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00a.m. Mass at St. Mark Church. A thank you goes out to Mark Zimmerman, Will Wilcox, Bernie Classon, Jean & Frank DiAngelo, Tom Krista, John Grigaliunas.

I would like to thank all who attended the March for Life last month.

The Awards Ceremony honoring our Catholic Teacher of the year, Policeman and Fire Fighter took place on Tuesday, March 16. I would like to express my gratitude to Pat Ruckle for doing such a great job. I would also like to thank Dick Belmonte, Jerry

Wagner and Dick Kozwolski. May God reward all of you.

Please note: If any member has not taken their 2nd or 3rd degree, please contact Frank Di Angelo, 410-838-5019 or DGK Will Wilcox. 410-893-9097. Degrees taking place in March:

1st Degree

- 3/6 Notre Dame Council Baltimore 7:30PM
- 3/19 Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Abingdon 8:00PM
- 3/28 Msgr. Raymond Kelly Pasadena 8:00PM

2nd Degree

- 3/5 Bel Air Council 7:30PM

On behalf of all the officers, Barbara and I, we would like to wish everyone a very Joyous Easter.

Praise be the Risen Christ,

Edward Staniewicz, Grand Knight (410) 529-7114

Fraternal Benefits

Don't Wait ... Act Today:

When your family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow, you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time can be spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority today.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they need the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 127 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has

drifted into to the background until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

Edward A. O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL

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Council Activities

Sick and Deceased

Brothers: Our Chaplain, Fr. Edward Hemler, Victor V. Ferrara, Frank DiAngelo; Dave Custer; Raymond Horney; Vincent Lagrotteria; Ross Liberati; Peter Kozak and his wife, Charlotte; Paul Manager; Robert Michels; Vernon West; Gene Stallings; Bill Wilhelm; and Bernie Classon.

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

Family Members and Friends: LuAnne Belmonte's mother, Dorothy Dimler; Tom Ellis, son-in-law of Gene Stallings; Joseph Potter's wife, Jean; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Frances Stallings; and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois.

Victor V. Ferrara (410) 569-4171

Pot of Gold

Each month at the Business Meeting, the Council conducts a "Pot of Gold" drawing. The drawing at the March meeting was worth \$35.00, and the name drawn was Charles Taibi, and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the April meeting will be for \$40.00.

Investment Club

Congratulations to the March winners: Guy Dematteo, J.F. Snee, Holly Smith and Rose Lane (Harford Center).

Ray Caralle, PGN

Family Activities

Family of the Month: Due to the February weather, two families were selected at our March meeting: Matt Bellia and John Joseph, Congratulations.

On June 15th 7:00PM, we will be conducting a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony. It will start with a Mass and after the Homily; Father will administer the Marriage vows. The mass will be followed by light refreshments. If you and your wife would like to be included; please notify me with your

Member Name, Wife's Name and anniversary date no later than May 18th so we can prepare your certificate. Married family members can also renew their vows. It's been three years since we had the last one. This is a Council Activity and everyone is invited to participate.

Family Activities Chairman **Ray Caralle**, PGN rcaralle1@verizon.net (717) 382-1383

Community Activities

Pro Life

Several Knights attend the Rosary Rally for the Unborn each Thursday from Noon to 1:00 at the Belair Road Beltway Plaza (just south of where Belair Road and the Beltway meet), and we would like you to join us. We are protesting the abortions performed there at the Baltimore Women's Medical Center. For more information, call Tony Magliano at 410-483-1702, Kurt Linneman at 410-913-3931, or myself at 410-515-9012.

James J. Anderson

Knights Ladies

The most sacred time of the Christian year is upon us, Holy Week. Ending with Lent on the evening of Holy Thursday into the start of Triduum, this is the most sacred three days of the Church year. What a glorious time to look forward to as Christians. Holy Thursday has always been my favorite Mass, the re-enactment of Jesus humbly serving his disciples by washing their feet to his giving us himself, via the bread and wine. To me this is the cornerstone of my faith. Happy Glorious Easter to all. Praise to the Risen Lord.

April 20th is our next business meeting and it is also the month dedicated to Anna's House. Please remember to bring in either paper or cleaning products to our next meeting.

The May 8th event at Boordy Vineyard will be chaired by Diane Custer. The cost will be \$15 which includes your admission to the winery, live music, wine tasting, winery tours and a special gift for the Ladies. With your help we will have a picnic lunch as well. Call Diane, 443-567-6131, for additional information.

We are still seeking a Lady or Ladies to take care of the garden at St. Margaret's church. The St. Francis

of Assisi statue is so very prominent at the entrance of the church that I hope we don't have to turn the maintenance of the garden back to the church. The sign in the garden reflects the garden is maintained by the Bel Air Knights Ladies and many who admire the garden know we are serving the church. Maybe a few of the Ladies can get together and form a team of willing gardeners. Please pray on it and let me know if you are interested in taking care of the garden.

May 29th we will be working with St. Margaret Church to feed the Harford County Homeless. Alicia Rappold is the chairlady of this event. I am sure she could use your help. So please call her for additional information, 443-371-6862.

Our annual elections will take place on June 7 during our June Business meeting. The current Officers have decided to stay in place for another year with no others currently on the ballot. If this situation remains there will be an "affirmative vote" where no actual voting will take place other than one vote to keep the current officers in place. But there is still time for you to throw your hat into the ring, if interested please contact either Ann Naused or MaryJane Zarachowicz.

We have another opportunity in the making. Roni Dunford Lynch is thinking about chairing another formal Tea for us. Everything is in the very preliminary stage at this time. But before this can happen she needs a commitment from the Ladies willing to volunteer and work either the day prior to the event or the day of the event. She is guesstimating 20 Ladies are needed to help. If you are interesting in volunteering for any portion of this event please give her a call, 410-836-1162.

April Birthdays

Rita Fay 4/11

Karen DeMaio 4/22

Jean Monahan 4/23

MaryJane Zarachowicz 4/23

Marion Oliva 4/28

Barbara Staniewicz 4/30

April Anniversaries

Marge & Charlie Mack 4/18

Words of Wisdom: Ideas won't work unless **You** do.
Pat Lijewski Knights Ladies President

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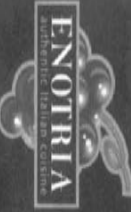


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