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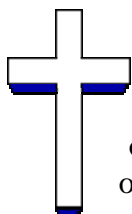
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Chaplain's Message



The Holy Spirit dwells in us and is always inspiring us to love. God is love, and love is shared by the Divine Persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Despite God's overwhelming presence, it is still possible over a period of time to become less sensitive to the Spirit's promptings. This is why it is necessary to ask for our daily bread, to pray daily, and to be aware of God's presence. Prayer is part of the Christian life. No matter what stage of life we are in, we must still order our lives to find time for prayer. It is easy to be too busy for prayer. We can often put it off or neglect it. Our life in God means that we are aware of God's interaction in our lives.

The Knights have significantly supported the church, and that support is much appreciated and needed. The Holy Spirit inspires Knights and their wives and families to be active participants in service. The Knights have supported the priesthood, dedication to the Eucharist, and the right to life. We continue to pray for vocations to religious life, as well as for priests.

In my path to the priesthood, I have been thankful for the support of the Knights and the many blessings you provide. I cannot fully explain why or how things happen. I am eager to serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, where I was born. It is through your witness that I have been able to see the love of God. Thank you for your many prayers and offers of support.

Deacon Greg Rapisarda

Grand Knight's Message

The fraternal year is coming to a close and it has been an honor to serve Bel Air Council as your Grand Knight. Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to serve another year. I wish to thank all my brother Knights for their support given to me. I also wish to thank the brother Knights who have taken time to help me whenever it was needed. To all the officers who supported and helped me along. To my wife Barbara who supported me through this fraternal year.

The State Convention held May 14 to 16 was a good experience for me.

The following State Officers were appointed:

State Chaplain-----Fr. Donald Grzymiski OFM Conv.

State Deputy-----Peter Davio

State Secretary-----William C. Kuchmas, III

State Treasurer-----Stephen J. Adamczyk

State Advocate-----Stephen M. Cohen

State Warden-----Dale Trout

Bel Air Council received a 3rd place award at the convention for their activities with the seniors.

Renewal of marriage vows will take place on June 15th. It will begin with a Mass celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Those who have not signed up, please contact me or Ray Caralle, 717-382-1383.

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. For our new members and their sponsors here is a list of the degrees taking place in June:

1st Degree

09-Cardinal Gibbons, Fullerton, 8:00PM

12-Bel Air Council, Bel Air, 10:00AM

16-Fr. O'Neill Council, Lutherville, 8:00PM

21-Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe, Abingdon, 8:00PM

2nd Degree

12-Bel Air Council, Bel Air, Follows the 1st Degree

20-Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, Abingdon, 8:00PM

3rd Degree

Patapsco Council Catonsville 7:30PM

Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to all degrees. Anyone taking a degree please contact me or Tom Sutera, 410-638-1096.

In closing let me wish all our Brother Knights a Happy Father's Day.

Praise be the Risen Christ,

Edward Staniewicz, Grand Knight (410) 529-7114

District Deputy

This is my final newsletter message to you as District Deputy. It has been a pleasure serving our District in that capacity. It was an educational experience, one that I shall long cherish. I learned a lot and made many new friends. Thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done, they carried the torch well. To the newly elected officers, my congratulations and best wishes for success. Thank you for having the courage and dedication to step forward and accept the challenge of office. I ask the membership to give these dedicated brothers your assistance and your patience that they will need to perform their duties. As Don and I take leave of our positions effective midnight, June 30th, we feel proud in sharing in the activities that transpired during our reign. To all, my thanks for the courtesies you gave to me and to my Warden, Don Kern, and our wives, Karen and Shirley. We now move on to new challenges. Congratulations to our successors, may they enjoy the same kind of courtesies shown to us. As always, may God continue to bless you and your families, your council, our Order, and this great country of ours.

However, there is still work that needs to be done before June 30th. The Columbian report (SP-7) needs to be submitted. This report is necessary if you think you can obtain Star Council. If not this report will still get you the Columbian Award. If it is not turned in on time you will miss out on both awards.

Form #2630 is due by June 30th. This is the report on the Parish Round Table. This report shows what you did at each of the Parishes for the current Fraternal Year.

If you supported a Seminarian, remember to submit for your refund, again by June 30th.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Clemens DD #16

Fraternal Benefits

“Right to Apply” Helps Widows in Need:

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent minor children.

The Order’s Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight’s widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This “right to apply” is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the Knight was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member’s minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order’s receipt of proof of the insured’s death.

Know two things: First, I’ll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I’ll provide them my best professional advice and service to ensure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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Council Activities

Club Steward

Thanks again to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gunnig for their help with Mary's flower garden.

Jerry Wagner

Nominating Committee Report Fraternal Year 2010-2011

Chaplain: Father Edw. Hemler
Assoc. Chaplain: Rev. Mr. Greg Rapisardo
Grand Knight: Edw. Ed. Staniewicz
Deputy GK: Will Wilcox
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Warden: Tom Rappold
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Jack Fusch
Delegate: Bernard Classon., PGK, FDD
Alternates: Will Wilcox
Tom Rappold
KC Club Directors: Richard Belmonte
Ron Krebs
Tom Krista

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Grand Knight: Terry Lijewski, PGK
Deputy GK: Richard Kozlowski, PGK

NOTE: Additional nominations may be submitted up to the election on June 1, 2010

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: Our Chaplain, Fr. Edward Hemler; Frank DiAngelo; David Custer, son of David Sr. and Diane; Raymond Horney; Peter and Charlotte Kozak; Vince Lagrotteria; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Gene Stallings; Vernon West; Bill Wilhelm; and Bernie Classon.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume; Georgia Classon; Jean DiAngelo; Kitty DiDio; Marion Oliva who recently has had knee surgery and is presently in rehab at the Bel Air Lorien; Owena Liberati; Pat Lijewski; Jean

Monahan; Marguerite Ward; Martha West; and Bernice Wilhelm.

Family Members and Friends: Dorothy Dimler, mother of LuAnne Belmonte; Tom Ellis, son-in-law of Gene Stallings; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; Carol Carter, daughter-in-law of Pat Rebbert; John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and John Colton Knox, 15-year-old grandson of John Joseph.

Deceased Member, Ladies, Family Members and Friends: 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. May the Grace and Peace of the Holy Spirit be with us always!

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 drawing at the May meeting was worth \$45.00, and the name drawn was Matthew Winner, and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the June meeting will be for \$50.00.

Investment Club

Congratulations to Matt Bellia, Joseph Snee, Will Wilcox and Mary Sporre.

Ray Caralle, PGN

Family Activities

Family of the Month - Congratulations to John and Suzanne Welsh, May Family of the Month

On June 15th, 7:00 PM, we will be conducting a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony. It will start with a Mass and after the homily; newly ordained Father Greg Rapisarda will administer the marriage vows. This is a Council Activity and everyone is invited.

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

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.

Tom Sutera

Pro Life

Rosary Prayer Rally for the Unborn:

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

One of the most exciting times of the year is upon our organization, election time. The new State level Officers were voted on at the Convention and the Knights of Columbus has a new administration. The Bel Air council will be holding their elections very shortly if not already, including the Ladies "Lady of the Year". This is your time to make a difference. I had an Uncle that always complained about the government then one day I asked him who he voted for, his response to me was I didn't vote. Well being the smart kid that I was I told him you have no right to complain about the administration because you didn't take the time or effort to cast your vote. So please make the time and effort to attend the meetings and vote and make a difference. Every vote can and does make a difference.

On this note I would like to take a moment of your time for a commercial. During the survey of the Knights Ladies last year one of the dominate requests was for more socials and speakers. This past year we have tried to meet that request. We have tapped into

the talents and time of some of our Ladies that have put their all into making their chaired events a success and they succeeded. But we need your support of these functions to make them a success for our group. I am aware that attendees outside of our organization are crucial in helping make a successful event but the support of the Bel Air Ladies is essential for making Ladies want to chair events to see that their own group will support all of their efforts. So please try to support those events and fundraisers we have planned. We can not be successful without your help.

If there is an event you would like to see us attend or would like to make happen at the council please let any of the officers know. The Executive team will be working soon on setting up next years calendar of events and we need your input.

Depending on when you receive the newsletter, there maybe time to contact Alicia Rappold, 443-371-6862, to assist on the May 29th feed the Harford County Homeless shelter dinner. Additional help is always welcome, so please give her a call if you can help.

Now for some sad news, originally Betty B. was working to get Rev. Jeff McFillin from Sparrow House as our guest speaker for our June meeting. She recently found out that Sparrow House lost its funding here in Harford County and has moved to Baltimore City. Our continual prayers are with Rev. Jeff and all of the good works he does making a place for young unmarried woman to have a "Loving and Secure Living Environment". Please Lord keep all of them in your care.

I have a special announcement to make; at our July meeting we will have an abbreviated meeting then have a number of guest speakers. John Donohue of Donohue-Hart, and a Lawyer specializing in "Senior" Law has agreed to provide us information on being pro-active in preparing ourselves financially and legally for a possible long term illness in our families plus other important issues facing all of us. To include information about how to protect the title to our homes, the importance of having a living will and power of attorney etc. will be covered. Bernie Classon will also share his current situation with us to bring home the importance of this subject to all of us. Please plan on attending the meeting this will be a

very informative meeting for all. Special thanks to Pat Wilhem for suggesting I pursue this endeavor. (See flyer for additional information)

August 15th we will be celebrating all of our Birthday's at Mamie's Restaurant in Aberdeen, we were there last year. The cost will be \$10 per Lady. So mark your calendars and if interested please contact Diane Custer on 443-567-6131. Reservations are required and the cut-off date to call is August 11th. So call now.

A reminder your Annual dues are dues in June. Another good reason to attend the meeting , vote and pay your dues. I hope to see you there.

Mark your calendar for other upcoming event: June 15th Council Renewal of Marriage vows, July 20th Guest Speaker, August 15th Annual Birthday Party, November 18th Ladies Business meeting and December 5th Annual Christmas Party with more information to come.

Birthdays

6/1 Pat Rebbert
6/7 Jean DiAngelo
6/15 Mary Sporney
6/18 Mildred Herold
6/28 Anna Naused

Anniversaries

6/4 LuAnne & Dick Belmonte
6/5 Nancy & Tom Classon
6/19 Peggy & Richard Cain
6/23 Margaret & Francis Stallings
6/24 Mary & Bernie Sporney
6/25 Pat & Renaldo Bucci
6/25 Martha & Vernon West
6/27 Ann & Gene Stallings

Words of Wisdom: Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after.

Pat Lijewski Knights Ladies President

Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson
The Fragility of Freedom

America's ranking on the degree of economic freedom among the nations of the world declined from "Free" to "Mostly Free," according to a recent study conducted by the Wall Street Journal and The Heritage Foundation. This should be an alarm for a

country founded on the belief in an unalienable right to liberty. This nation was born through its struggle to become free of another country's rule, and it has become a champion of liberty for lands threatened by oppression. We fought Spain for Cuba's freedom, engaged in World Wars I and II for Europe's independence, fought in Korea and Vietnam to push back Communist aggression, and now are engaged in Iraq and Afghanistan to stop terrorism in many parts of the world.

We often think of threats to freedom as domination by foreign powers. While the use of force of arms by an external invader can be devastating, liberty is more frequently lost through unperceived, and thus more insidious, threats. As James Madison stated, "There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

When America was a British colony, it had a powerful nation to look after its interests. It had a ready market for its raw products and a source for finished goods, a strong military to protect it, a proven governance and legal structure that had been refined over centuries, and was the beneficiary of the free flow of ideas and technical developments that came from an industrially-advanced society. Over time, however, the mother country continued to impose more restrictions and additional taxes, while ignoring its colony's concerns. By 1775, the size of the British military in America was so great that Patrick Henry proclaimed: "They are sent over to bind and rivet upon us those chains which the British ministry have been so long forging." The choice before the colonists was to have security with imposed restrictions or freedom with an uncertain future. We know the choice and the outcome.

The American people used the liberty they gained to create a government that has taken the nation from relative scarcity with a small population bordering the Atlantic coast to rapid growth that spanned the continent to widespread prosperity to great abundance. As material benefits expanded, however, people became more complacent and less inclined to take the risks and bear the hardships that generated the wealth.

Many realized that in a democracy the majority could vote themselves benefits funded by the public treasury, while replenishing the latter with taxes on wealthier citizens. As this has occurred, government has grown, inserted itself into the economic system, placed regulations on corporate activities, supported selected initiatives to the detriment of others, gathered personal information on individuals, decided who is and who is not eligible for tax-funded benefits and, as recently happened, taken ownership in private businesses and now is poised to restructure the privately- developed health care system. Each such move toward creating a paternalistic government is accompanied by a reduction in individual and organizational freedom.

The economy is not the only area in which liberty in America is being threatened. In the name of freedom, restrictions are being placed on religious practice, on association, on individual conscience, and on expression. Concepts that are fundamental to American democracy are being warped. The principle of non-discrimination, for example, has expanded to include a false tolerance for others that, in turn, has created a stultifying aura of political correctness. In order not to offend certain sensibilities, language is changed, a growing list of terms cannot be used, and nothing detrimental even if true can be said about an individual or group if they fall into a politically-correct category. People are not free to express their beliefs for fear of being labeled as prejudiced or intolerant, charges that may jeopardize their careers and relations in the community.

The resulting intimidation limits freedom of expression. Under the guise of providing equality for all, there are efforts to remove exemptions for religious organizations to make hiring decisions, accept members, or offer only services in conformity with their doctrinal beliefs. This has already occurred in Washington, DC. The city's Council passed an ordinance earlier this year recognizing same-sex marriages. Religious entities that serve the general public are now required to include homosexual couples, even if doing so violates their religious beliefs. This forced the Catholic Church to discontinue its welfare and adoption services after operating them for 80 years in the District.

If similar movements, which have commenced, are successful: Pregnancy support centers would be

required to hire persons who are advocates for abortion. College religious clubs would have to accept students in leadership positions who are not of that denominational persuasion. Catholic hospitals would be required to make referrals for abortion. Emergency room physicians would have to provide contraceptive services and nurses assist in procedures that violate their consciences

America's Founding Fathers provided the people of this nation with liberty in numerous areas of national and personal life, including social freedom, religious freedom, economic freedom, freedom of assembly, of speech, of press, and from unwarranted intrusion. But, freedom cannot be taken for granted. As Ronald Reagan counseled: "Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation."

The history of Maryland provides an example of that fragility. The colony was founded in 1634 by Catholics under a charter that granted freedom of religion to all Christians. Before the end of the 17th century, however, Catholics had their religion severely proscribed by law. When Charles Carroll signed the Declaration of Independence – the only Catholic to do so – he was not allowed to hold public office, to vote, or to practice law, the profession for which he had studied. It was not until 1776, when Maryland passed a Constitution that discriminatory religious oaths required for full participation in public affairs were abrogated for Christians.

Today, we are experiencing the erosion of our freedoms. The continuing expansion of government and its intrusion into personal life, given impetus by the recently enacted health care reform legislation, reduces the motivation, incentives, and ability of individuals and private organizations to take the risks, confront the challenges, and reap the benefits inherent in a free society. If governmental encroachment is to be rolled back, it is the responsibility of the older generation to instill in the next an informed, active patriotism, that is, a deep, enduring, genuine commitment to our country and a willingness to fight for the freedoms it provides. If this is not done, the freedoms that we enjoy soon will be gone, and as John Adams warned, "Liberty once lost is lost forever."

Tuesday July 20th following a brief business meeting the Knights Ladies will present an opportunity for you to have all of those Senior Legal questions answered plus more.



John Donohue of Donohue - Hart plus a Lawyer that specializes in "Senior" law will be in attendance to answer those questions we all have ponder to include:

- What is the difference in Medicare and Medicaid
- Why do I need a power of attorney now
- When should I talk to my kids about my finances
- How should my home be titled to keep it if a spouse develops a long term illness

These are just a few of the questions that will be answered plus any that you send to me for them to answer.

All are welcome

Please know this is not and will not be a pitch for insurance of any kind this is a service to help all of us try to be prepare for what the future has in store for us.

If you plan on attending please let me know, my hope is to get this information out to as many as I can so others outside of our organization will be invited.



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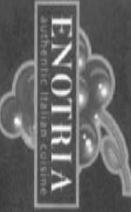


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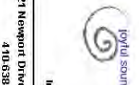
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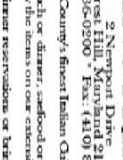
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