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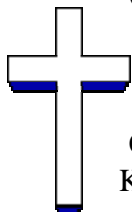
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### Chaplain's Message



On June 12, 2010, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien ordained me a priest of Jesus Christ for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He has assigned me to St. Louis Parish in Clarksville. I will serve as Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus in that parish.

One of my first privileges as a priest was to celebrate mass at the Bel Air Council home for twenty couples who renewed their wedding vows. The Church needs and relies upon families. Families are the basic and fundamental unit of society, and must be supported and encouraged. My new marriage to the Church requires the same commitment as married life. Even though we may be in different states in life, we are all called to holiness. This universal call means our commitment to Jesus Christ, and to being in relationship with him, is the focus of our lives. Trust Jesus, and all else falls into place. Priests, as well as married couples, face the challenges of a busy society, which can find many reasons to avoid prayer, and a relationship with God. We are able to remain committed to the faith because, through the Holy Spirit, we know that Jesus is the Son of God, and that our happiness here on earth, and our eternal happiness is because of Christ.

I look forward to many active years as a priest with the comfort of knowing that there are organizations, such as the Knights, who are there to support the priests and to uphold the teachings of the Church.

Thank you all for your support. The Bel Air Council enjoys a wonderful fellowship, and you are a blessed community. May the Lord continue to bless you.

***Father Greg Rapisarda***

### Grand Knight's Message

The fraternal year has come to a close and I would like to thank all who made it possible for me to serve you as your Grand Knight for another year. I and the officers will do our best to make this fraternal year 2010-2011 more successful than last year.

Our Chaplain Father Ed Hemler is doing well. The 1st Degree held at St. Joan of Arc Aberdeen was in honor of Father Ed. Father received a framed certificate indicating that the degree was performed in his honor. Father Ed did express his gratitude to the Council. Remember Father in your prayers.

Congratulations to Father Greg Rapisarda on his ordination to the Priesthood.

We want to thank our Worthy District Deputy, Mike Clemens for all his help along with Worthy District Warden, Donald Kern. We welcome our newly elected Worthy District Deputy, Donald Kern and his District Warden, Walt Williams.

Renewal of marriage vows took place on June 15<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank our newly ordained Father Greg for the celebration of the Eucharist, Ray Caralle PGK for a job well done, Natalie and Ernie Boyd for the preparation of the altar and programs and also Jerry Wagner who once again prepared a delicious meal.

The installation of officers will take place on Sunday, August 8th. This will commence with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 3:00PM. Charlie and Marge Mack are chairing this event. Please contact them if you are planning to attend. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM at the Council.

July, August and September are months that the Council will be collecting school supplies for St. Margaret/St. Mary Magdalene schools and St. Mark's CCD classes. We asked that the Knights and their

ladies, please be generous and donate. We will be collecting school supplies through September.

For our new members and their sponsors here is a list of the degrees taking place in July. Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to all degrees. Please note: If any member has not taken their 2nd or 3rd degree, please contact Tom Krista (Membership activities chairman) at 410-877-7771 or DGK Will Wilcox @ 410-893-9097.

### **1st Degree**

19-Holy Trinity, Severna Park, 7:30PM

21-Patapsco Council, Catonsville, 8:00PM

### **2nd Degree**

26-St. Timothy's, Walkersville, 7:30PM

### **3rd Degree** – Will be September 18.

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

Praise be Jesus Christ,

*Edward Staniewicz, Grand Knight* (410) 529-7114

## **District Deputy**

First, I wish to thank Mike Clemens for asking me to be his warden for the last two years. It has been a fantastic experience! I have met and made friends with many State council people as well as terrific district people. It has been a pleasure serving the district and assisting him with district activities.

Thanks to Walt Williams for accepting the position as my warden. At times it can be a disheartening job as the warden receives little recognition for his efforts.

I express my appreciation for the outgoing council officers for their hard work and leadership of their council.

Congratulations to all incoming officers! That you have stepped forward to lead your brothers in the quest to serve others and your council is highly commendable. Always pray that you will have the strength to follow God's will in leading your council and in performing the works of the Knights of Columbus.

As you read this, we are beginning a new fraternal year. I hope by now the GKs have a view of where

you want to take your council. And I hope you have begun to assemble your team of program directors and membership chair.

Worthy Grand Knights, if you have questions, problems, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate contacting me. My goal is to ensure you have a successful year as CEO of your council.

May God bless you all in the coming year!  
Remember Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism!

Vivat Jesus!

*Donald Kern, DD #16*

## **Fraternal Benefits**

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed council leaders. I'm sure you have a list of things that you want to accomplish during the coming year. I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is likely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

What would be helpful to all of us would be an early start on those goals, rather than waiting until May or June next year. Let's get an early start on award season this year.

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

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## **Council Activities**

### ***A Word from the Financial Secretary***

With all of the new rules concerning the mailing of our Councilair, we are noticing several address changes. If you are moving or changing your phone number or are using your cell phone and have

discontinued your regular home phone service, please notify me with these changes. It is the only way we may insure that you receive mail or newsletters from the Council. My phone number is (410) 638-1096. Thanks for your consideration.

*Tom Sutura, FS*

### **Elected Officers**

#### **Fraternal Year 2010-2011**

Edward P. Staniewicz	Grand Knight,
William Wilcox	Deputy Grand Knight,
John Grigaliunas	Chancellor,
Thomas Rappold	Warden,
Jerome Wagner	Recorder,
Charlie Belli	Treasurer,
Al DiCocco	Trustee
Tom Classon	Trustee
Raymond Caralle	Trustee
Walter(Buddy) Littlefield	Guard
Mark Zimmerman	Guard
Jack Fusch	Guard

### ***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 June meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was Joseph Hladky, and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the July meeting will be for \$50.00.

### ***Investment Club***

June winners were St. Ignatius Council, Bill Vanden Eynden, Danny Ferrara, Thomas Baker, and final three winners were Mary Bair, Debra McDonald and Wayne Davis.

*Ray Caralle, PGN*

### **Family Activities**

Family of the Month - Congratulations to Frank and Jean Diangelo.

Renewal of Marriage Vows - Many thanks to Father Greg Rapisarda for celebrating this very special council Mass. His homily was very moving. Thanks also to Jerry Wagner who prepared the meal and Earnie and Natalie Boyd for printing the programs and setting up the Mass.

Family Activities Chairman *Ray Caralle, PGN*

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### **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**

Elections are over and once again I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and this organization for another year as the President of the Bel Air Knight Ladies. Our vice-president is Diane Custer, Secretary is Pat Rebbert and our money lady, Treasurer is Mary Sporney. All of us will work hard, with your help, to make this year as successful as it has been in the past.

The Ladies "Lady of the Year" was selected and will be announced at an upcoming meeting.

Our June meeting was also Anna's House month, what a great turn out we had of donations. As usual the Ladies came through with a table full of paper and cleaning products. Daneene Lucas of Anna's House thanked us for our continual support of the organization; our quarterly monetary donation was well received. How blessed we are to be able to continue taking care of those in need.

Special thanks to Alicia Rappold and her band of helpers for making the May 29th feed the Harford County Homeless Shelter dinner a wonderful experience for all. This is truly doing God's work, feeding some of his hungry children.

As stated at our June meeting, in place of the Ladies July Business meeting a Special presentation of "Your legal Questions Answered" will now take place at St. Margaret's Adult Education Center on 141 N. Hickory Rd. on Monday July 19th at 7PM.

All are welcomed. Please see flyer for additional information.

We will be celebrating "Birthright" at the August meeting, August 17th. Their wish list has all baby products including socks but the most requested item is diapers of all stages.

Our Executive Committee will be working to establish our "Calendar of Events" for the new fraternal year in the very near future. 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. We need your input.

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.

Per our By-Laws a new list of names, addresses and phones number are to be distributed after the start of a new fraternal year. With that said if you have changes of this information to include E-mail addresses please let one of the officers know. Our Secretary, Pat Rebbert, will be updating our roster and since we only distribute it once a year it is critical we made it as accurate as we can.

Please remember it is that time of year again, your dues are due, \$12.

Mark your calendar for other upcoming event: July 19th Guest Speaker, August 15th Annual Birthday Party, November 18th scheduled Business meeting plus a special presentation and December 5th Annual Christmas Party.

### **Birthdays**

7/2 Margaret Stallings  
7/8 Cathy Strappelli  
7/20 Pat Wilhelm  
7/26 Alicia Rappold

### **Anniversaries**

7/2 Patricia & Patrick Ruckle  
7/7 Dolores & Chuck Friesner  
7/11 Gloria & Paul Roeger  
7/30 Dee & Dick Kozlowski

Words of Wisdom: One Thing you can not Recycle is Wasted and Unproductive Time.

*Pat Lijewski* Knights Ladies President

## Calendar

### July

Friday Night Bingos – 7:30 PM - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

6th - Council Business Meeting – 7:30 PM

13th – Kay Cee Club Meeting – 7:30 PM

20th - Council Social Meeting – 8:00 PM

27th – Council Officer’s Meeting - 7:30 PM

### August

3rd - Council Business Meeting – 7:30 PM

5th – Rehearsal for Installation of Officers – 7:30 PM

8th – Installation of Officers – Mass @ 3:00 PM

## Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

### **America Dividing**



The social compact underlying America is fragmenting. The unity of America, as a constitutional republic, is based on civic understandings rooted in shared moral precepts. When the Constitution was adopted, it did not set forth idealized principles for the nation. Rather, it codified existing beliefs and desires of the people. Those beliefs were not necessarily conscious aims, but rather were embodied in ways of behavior, unstated values, and the collective way of life of the people. If the written Constitution had not been in agreement with them, it would not have worked.

It specifically delegated to the national government powers that could not be exercised by the states

acting independently, such as declaring war, creating a common monetary system, dealing with foreign powers, and regulating commerce. It reserved to the states and the people everything not enumerated. To assure that in the future there would be no doubt about certain fundamental rights of the people, a Bill of Rights was adopted. In this way, the Constitution provided a balance between the powers of the states and those of the national government in order to protect the freedom of the people.

For almost two-and-a-quarter centuries, the Constitution has served the American people well. While assuring stability and continuity through an adherence to the written decrees, it has adapted to changing social conditions through the process of amendments. As long as the social compact remained in place, and there was compatibility between the written Constitution and the unwritten persuasions of the people, the system worked well. When severe disagreements arose in the mid-1800s, with strongly opposing views on whether states had the right to secede from the union, the social compact was fractured and it took a Civil War to settle the question and keep the nation united.

Today, the social compact is once again being strained. There are deep divisions among the people as to what America stands for. One side believes in individual initiative, personal responsibility, equality of opportunity, entrepreneurship, and limited government. The other side advocates bureaucratic regulation, societal responsibility, equality of results, centralized control, and a paternalistic government. One believes in a capitalistic economy and a free-market system to reward individual achievement, the other in regulated commerce and a redistributionist system to promote social justice. One believes in equality under the law, the other in fairness under the law. One side believes in the innate dignity of every human being, the protection of life from conception to natural death, and in marriage as only between one man and one woman, the other in dignity being conferred when one can function as a person, in the right of a woman to abort her own child, and marriage as a civil right among consenting adults regardless of gender.

The division between these opposing views is not only wide, but irreconcilable. On many aspects, especially the moral, there is no middle ground. One

cannot unduly tax the rich and expect them to make the investments and take the risks to grow the economy. One cannot create a paternalistic government providing guaranteed income, health care and other social benefits, and expect people to exercise individual initiative and take personal responsibility. One cannot believe that abortion is an abomination against the law of God and accept a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy.

When this nation was founded, and throughout most of its history, the people-at-large held to a common set of moral principles based on Judeo-Christian teachings. These principles shaped the notions of freedom, justice and social responsibility, together with the customs and legal institutions to effect these ideas and preserve them for future generations. America today is a pluralistic nation, in which people of numerous religious, cultural and ideological persuasions must live and work together in freedom, peace and justice. That can only occur and be sustained if the people are bound together by shared moral and ethical values, which form the unwritten mores synchronized with the written Constitution. As John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

This is not to say that there was or should be a communal religion or that everyone should adhere to a prevailing set of doctrinal beliefs. Rather, the prosperity and prestige of the nation is best advanced when the people strive within a common ennobling framework to realize their personal ambitions. As long as the general ethos of the nation was Christian, and the leaders governed in concert with its tenets, as had been the case in the past, then a public unity could be achieved, while accommodating a variety of doctrinal beliefs.

In the past several decades, however, there has been a progressive discarding of these common precepts and of their concomitant practices in public life. As a result, the shared civic principles that have held America together are eroding. If this trend is not reversed and a public moral consensus formed once again, there may not be a sufficient foundation to preserve the nation. It is shared tenets based on religious teachings that quell man's self-interests, and give rise to just laws and a civilized community. If faith is lost, a nation can be maintained, and then

only temporarily, through coercion and dictatorial power.

As Americans, we have an obligation to our country to strengthen its moral structure so that the principles upon which this nation was founded may be preserved for our children and grandchildren. As citizens, we should speak out on public issues and shape through the power of the ballot the policies and statutes that evolve from them. As Catholics, we have a duty to defend the teachings of the Church and give voice to them in public discourse. As members of the Knights of Columbus, let us be exemplars of what it means to be Catholic American citizens.

### **Note from the editor**

The council leadership has decided on a different approach for submissions for the Councilairs. A new system will be implemented in July for the August edition of the newsletter. All of the details still have to be worked out, but it is likely that the submissions will have to be sent into a Council Officer who will then pass the submission on for inclusion. More details will be released through e-mail and during council meetings as they are developed.

***Scott Redding***



**In place of the scheduled Ladies July Business meeting a presentation of “Your legal Questions answered” will take place at St. Margaret’s Adult Education Center on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**



John Donohue of Donohue - Hart and Jenna Schaefer a LTC lawyer will be in attendance to answer those questions we all have pondered 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. Our own Bernie Classon will share some of his experiences as well as Ed O’Keefe, K of C Insurance representative, will be available for any questions.

**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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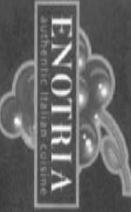


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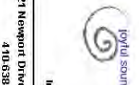
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