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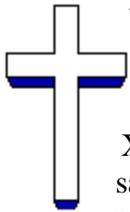
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Chaplain's Corner



The recent news out of Rome has us all reeling. When I woke up on Monday, February 11, I thought I was still dreaming.

The radio was telling me that Pope Benedict XVI had resigned. "This is not possible," I said! Pope's don't resign. Since hearing the news I have had time to read the Holy Father's statement, pray, talk to other priests and lay people, and reflect on why this is happening and what this means. What keeps coming back to me in prayer is that the Holy Father is doing this for US. This is not a selfish move nor a hopeless "giving-up" on the church, his ministry or the world situation. He has looked squarely into the face of the church and God and said, "I am not able to lead these beautiful people, this rich faith and to be a real shepherd in these times any longer." Archbishop Lori has commented on the Pope's humility in all of this. One of the most powerful people in the world, if not THE most powerful, has humbly admitted before God that he cannot stay in his ministry as Vicar of Christ because it would not be the best for his people. He is putting the flock first.

We can all learn from the Holy Father's humility and gentle care. As we age we discover that our bodies and our minds do not work the way they once did. We tend to hold on and to fight the admission that things are different. We want everything to be just as it was. Admitting change for us in the aging process is admitting failure. The Holy Father said it best when he visited the elderly in Rome.

"At times, at a certain age, one may look back nostalgically at the time of our youth when we were fresh and planning for the future. Thus at times our gaze is veiled by sadness, seeing this phase of life as the time of sunset. This morning, addressing all the elderly in spirit, although I am aware of the difficulties that our age entails I would like to tell you with deep conviction: it is beautiful to be old! At every phase of life it is necessary to be able to discover the presence and blessing of the Lord and the riches they bring. We must never let ourselves be imprisoned by sorrow! We have received the gift of

longevity. Living is beautiful even at our age, despite some 'aches and pains' and a few limitations. In our faces may there always be the joy of feeling loved by God and not sadness."

May this be our prayer for Pope Benedict as he leaves us as our Holy Father—may he know the joy of feeling loved by God (and by us) and not sadness. May our Church be filled with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as our Cardinals choose a holy and worthy successor to Peter.

Fr. Jerry Francik, Chaplain

Grand Knight's Message

Congratulations to our most recent third degree members - Fred Langhans, John Majeski, Keith Baker, Sal Tropea, Chuck Lasek and Jim Preston (Figure 1). They took their third degree on January 31 at Dundalk Council. In addition to our candidates, a total of nine other members of the council attended the degree. Each of the candidates received a third degree medallion as part of the new degree that was instituted about two years ago (Fig 2). I presented the same medallion purchased by the council to each person who attended the degree as a symbol of their being part of the third degree fraternity. I plan to do the same at future third degrees to any brother from the Bel Air council not having already received a medallion.



Figure 1: (l to r): Fred Laghans, John Majeski, Keith Baker, Sal Tropea, GK Dick Belmonte, Chuck Lasek, Jim Preston at third degree ceremony, Jan 31, 2013

Bel Air Council 4714 Monthly Schedule of Events

First Tuesday - 7:30 pm - **Business meeting** - open to KC members only

Second Tuesday - 7:00 pm - **Home Corporation meeting** - open to KC members and invited guests

Third Tuesday - 7:00 pm - **Social Meeting** - open to general public

Fourth Tuesday - 7:00 pm - **Officers' Meeting** - open to KC members and invited guests

All Fridays - 7:00 pm - **Bingo** (board is lit) - open to the general



Figure 2 Front and Obverse of Third Degree Medallion

At our business meeting on February 5, we conducted a first degree and welcomed our newest member Brother Ron Ewing (Fig 3) to our council. At the same meeting, we also welcomed John Orsini (Fig 4), a brother Knight who transferred to us from St. Ignatius Council. Please welcome Brothers Ron and John and their families to our council. Please don't forget to wear your name badge so that our newer members feel more comfortable meeting everyone. That makes eight new members for the year in eight months. I'm hopeful that we can meet the Supreme Council challenge to recruit one new member per council per month. We can do it!



Figure 3: Welcome - Ron Ewing



Figure 4: Welcome - John Orsini

I trust you are enjoying our socials. I hear many good compliments from people who attend them. I think we're on a roll now. Attendance is picking up recently and I'm really pleased at how these events are turning out. In February, we had the DiCocco, Kozlowski, Eaves, Gambichler team (Fig 5) plan and execute a terrific pancake supper attended by about



Figure 5: George Gambichler, Dick Kozlowski, DGK Al DiCocco and Mike Eaves host the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper



Figure 6: Seventy people enjoying pancakes and fellowship

70 people (Fig 6). At that social, we recognized the Pisanis and Orsinis as the family of the month for February and March. I also recognized three ladies, Karen Warner, LuAnne Belmonte and Natalie Body (Fig 7-9) for their exceptional service to the Council through many endeavors, but particularly in supporting the FIELD Christmas party program that the council has sponsored for 20 years. They were each presented a ladies auxiliary pin to wear as a sign of their solidarity with the council. Perhaps you have an idea for a future social that you could share with us.

Very soon we'll start planning for the next fraternal year events. Drop me or Al DiCocco a note with your idea.



Figure 7: Karen Warner Recognized for Service



Figure 8: LuAnne Belmonte Recognized for Service



Figure 9: Natalie Boyd Recognized for Service

Another important thing for us to plan for in 2013 is the recruitment of officers and directors for the 2013 - 2014 council year and beyond. I recently appointed an officers' nominating committee made up of Stephen Conley, PGK; Wayne Davis, PGK, PFN; Dick Kozlowski, PGK, PFN; and Vince Lagrotteria, PGK. I'm pleased that they accepted this crucial assignment. Their work and your openness to service possibilities will be important to the council for many years to come. While a slate of officers won't be elected until June, it's essential that the 2013 - 2014 team be identified soon to start the planning process for the new year. Consider how you can help out and be open to an invitation to serve.

We've had a number of new members and transfers over the past few years come into the council. Their arrival is vitally important to the council as is having a large contingent of active members who are involved with officer, director and activity leadership. Recruiting new members and welcoming transfers is the only way I know of to maintain the health and vitality of the council and have a cadre of members who are able and willing to take on more responsibilities in the years ahead. From personal experience, I find that to volunteer for tasks, projects, leadership positions is the best way to learn, make a contribution that I feel good about. It then allowed me to be in a position to teach the next person how to do the job and move on to more responsible and rewarding positions or endeavors.

Dick Belmonte, Grand Knight, 410-838-6329,
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Upcoming MD State Council Events:

- March 2 Maryland District 4th Degree Exemplification, Frederick
- March 24 Founder's Day Mass and Reception, Cardinal Gibbons Council

Upcoming Baltimore Chapter Grand Knights Events:

- Mar 14 - Pope John Paul the Great Council #13859
10003 Bird River Neck Rd, Middle River, MD
21220
- Apr 11 - Westminster Council #1393 47 Monroe
St. Westminster, MD 21157 - Chapter PCP Honors
Night

District Deputy

It's time to firm up your plans to attend the MD State Convention in Ocean City, MD on May 3-5, 2013. If you haven't already, you should send in your registration before April 15. Otherwise, there's an additional fee. If you're a golfer, consider going down to O.C. a day early to play in the golf tournament on May 2nd. Just let me know and I'll be happy to get you together with others in the district if you don't already have a foursome.

I encourage all councils and brother Knights to seriously consider a donation to the Ultrasound Fund. Also in March, we have the MD March For Life in Annapolis on 11 March. There will be a mass at 5pm followed by a march to the capitol. See the State Council website for more details, or contact me directly.

In this Lenten season, it's important that we honor our Catholic traditions and doctrine. Therefore, I encourage you to keep your obligation to abstain from meat by bringing your family to one of the Fish Fry fundraisers held by Corpus Christi and Havre de Grace councils on Fridays. You'll be helping your fellow Knights in the district and helping yourself and your family at the same time.

Another tradition at this time of year is for parishes to welcome new members through the RCIA program. Don't waste this opportunity to reach out to these new Catholics and ask them to become Knights. Their desire to get involved in their church is at a peak now, so seek them out after mass and strike up a conversation. You'll both be glad you did. There's a 1st degree at Corpus Christi Council on 5 March. There's also a 2nd degree on 1 April at Bel Air Council home. There's a 3rd degree on 22 March at Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council in Rosedale. Of course we can always find other degrees in the area if you have a candidate who can't make one of these degrees.

Upcoming district events:

- 1, 8, 15, 22 March - Fish fries at Corpus Christi and Havre de Grace Councils
- 5 March - 1st degree at Corpus Christi Council
5 February - First degree at Bel Air Council home

Some state activities coming up:

- 2-3 March - Fourth Degree Exemplification in Frederick, MD
- 11 March - MD March for Life in Annapolis
- 15 March - 3rd quarter reports due
- 24 March - State Founder's Day Mass

I wish you all a wonderful Lenten season!

Reflect upon our Worthy State Deputy's motto: "Strengthening the bonds of faith and fraternity".

Walt Williams, District Deputy #16

Social Schedule

- March 19, 7:00 PM - Community Service Awards dinner. This is the evening that we come together to recognize the best of law enforcement, emergency service providers and Catholic teachers in Harford County. Here is our chance to honor the best of those who serve us, our children and our grandchildren. The evening will begin with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and there will be an after-dinner awards presentation. The dinner menu - provided at a nominal fee of \$5 per person - will include Roasted Pork Loin, Rosemary or garlic roasted small whole potatoes, mixed vegetables (peas-carrots-corn) dessert cheese cake, rolls / butter, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Make reservations no later than March 12 by contacting Patrick Ruckle at mpsrbelair@aol.com. No tickets will be available at the door.

Other upcoming events for which we hope to have more information shortly:

- April 16, 7:00 PM - TBD - hosted by John Knapstein
- May 21, 7:00 PM - May Procession – hosted by Tom Sutera and Vic Ferrara

Albert DiCocco, DGK

Fraternal Benefits

Annuities: More flexible than you might think

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you “annuitize” the money you’ve paid into an annuity (plus the interest it has earned), you’ve chosen to receive monthly payments for life or for a fixed period.

However, annuitizing this money isn’t your only option. You may also treat an annuity like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some or all of the withdrawal amount. If you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options. The point is, these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs.

Contact me if you’re interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.

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Council Activities

Club Steward’s Message

During 2012 the Council had roofing repairs and plumbing repairs done to our Council Home. We would prefer to employ Council members rather than non-members. If you’re involved in a trade or business that we can use, let us know.

Jerry Wagner

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 February meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was T. Dunphy, Jr and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the March meeting will remain at \$50.00.

A Word from Your Financial Secretary

Brothers, we are approaching the time when your 2012 Membership cards will no longer let you enter the Council Chamber. Please check the date on your card. If you do not have a 2013 Membership card, you probably have not paid your dues. Please send your invoice with a check to me as soon as possible and I will return a receipt and your current membership card. Please remember, if you have a problem in sending a check, please call me and we can discuss your situation privately. We do not want to lose any of our members. Try to attend a meeting (Business or Social) soon. The Council is doing well and some exciting things are happening. God Bless All Our Brother Knights!

Tom Sutera, FS (410) 638-1096

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: Bernie Classon, (inflamed sciatic nerve), David Custer Jr., Frank DiAngelo, John Grigaliunas, Raymond Horney, Peter Kozak, Al Kramer, Vince Lagrotteria, Ross Liberati, Paul Manager, Vernon West, Bernie Sporney, and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume, Georgia Classon, Jean DiAngelo, Kitty DiDio, Juliette Drouin, Joan Keenan, Charlotte Kozak, Owena Liberati, Jean Monahan, Marguerite Ward, Ann Stallings, Martha West, and Pat Wilhelm.

Family and Friends: Dorothy Dimler, mother of LuAnne Belmonte; Bernice Wilhelm, daughter of Pat and Bill Wilhelm; Tom Ellis, son of Ann Stalling; Barbara McMillan, daughter of Earl and Anna Marie McMillan; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and John Zito Jr., son of John Zito, Sr.

Deceased Brothers, Please pray for the soul of Paul Manager, who recently passed away. May his 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. The Flu Season is upon us; take all the necessary precautions.

Every time you pick up a three leafed clover you behold the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity!

Victor V. Ferrara, 410-569-4171



Community

Perry Point

Just a reminder about the Perry Point Program. For this year, the Bel Air Council is helping at Perry Point on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you would like to join us, meet at the McDonald's at Riverside on Rt. 543. We leave promptly at 9:30 AM. Mass is at 10:30 AM and we help wheel patients to the Chapel between 10 and 10:30 prior to Mass and return them after Mass. If you would like more information, please call either Tom Sutera 410 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at 410 679-7058.

Tom Sutera

Culture of Life

Please join the St. Joseph's Fullerton pro-life group every third Saturday morning at approx. 9:10 a.m., at the Belair Rd. Beltway Plaza, as we pray the rosary outside the Abortion Clinic there. Usually we are only there for about 45 minutes. It's the shopping center just below the 695 Beltway (Overlea exit) on Belair Road, near the Carrabba's Italian Grill. For more information, call Jim Anderson, 410-569-7887/410-515-9012

Statement of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the Retirement of Pope Benedict XVI



In these remaining days of his papacy, our thoughts and prayers are with Pope Benedict XVI, who has worked so hard in leading the Church, and has always been such a good friend to the Knights of Columbus. We wish him all the best in his retirement. In addition, we pray for all those cardinals who will take part in the conclave, and for his successor, that God may inspire them as they carry out the mission with which they are entrusted.

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Ash Wednesday has passed and we are now in the beginning of Lent. Let us pray that the Lord will help us use his love as a way to persevere in our Lenten intentions. We are weak, but I know with the Lord's help, we can use the small sacrifices in our lives to draw closer to God.

Do not forget the fundraiser at Applebee's pancake and sausage breakfast on April 27th, 8 to 10 am. Applebee's is not open to the public for breakfast, so you must have tickets to attend. Tickets for this event are available by contacting Karen Warner who is chairing the event. You may contact Karen, or call me for tickets.

On Monday, April 29th, "Julia Child" will make an appearance at the hall. Mary Ann Jung will portray Julia Child. You have seen Mary Ann in the past as

Amelia Earhart and Queen Bess. The tickets are \$7 a person plus a covered dish.

Starting in March ladies from the CLSO will be volunteering at Perry Point to assist the veterans who want to bowl at the facility. Anyone who is interested in helping may call me for more details. I know I had fun when I helped in December. The veterans appreciate the company.

In March the CLSO will be making bread for the communicants. Please contact me if you can help by baking some of the loaves of bread. The bread must be baked by March 23rd.

Thought of the Day: Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).

Sharon DiMatteo, CLSO President, 410-879-7633

The Power of Email Marketing with Constant Contact!

This fast paced training and networking event is brought you as part of the **Business Link Training Series** by The Knights of Columbus and hosted by Joe Oricchio. This type of training and networking session typically costs over \$100! This very special training is followed by a complimentary coffee & networking all for a small \$15 donation to benefit **The ARC Northern Chesapeake Region** and all the good they do assisting adults, children and families with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community!

Attendee take-aways include:

- What is permission-based email marketing and becoming a trusted sender?
- List building, creating your powerful list fast using modern tools & tactics
- Increasing deliverability and open rates and why they are critical and elusive
- Writing great subject lines and content - getting readers to take action
- Let's talk ROI and ROTI (Return On (your) Time Invested!)
- Tracking results and what to do with this information
- How email and social media marketing work together to achieve YOUR goals
- Special topic: tools & tips from the pros!

More info at: <http://bit.ly/KofC-ARCNCR-003>

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