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Bel Air Council 4714



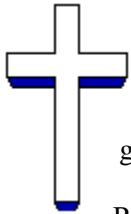
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Chaplain's Corner



As I shared before, October is the Month of Mary.

It is a time for all of us to work on our relationship with our spiritual mother. Mary was given to us by Jesus Himself, as part of the gift of the cross. Why then?

Recent studies of St. John's Gospel have brought some things to light. First, During John's unique Last Supper account, Jesus does several shocking things. He washes the feet of the Apostles and tells them that His behavior is a model for them. In short, He has instituted within the context of the other Gospel's Eucharist accounts a sacramental action of Jesus caring for others in an act of service.

As the meal begins, Jesus tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. Yet He distributes the bread to Judas and sends him on his way. Jesus even knowing the "Satan" has entered his heart reaches out to this lost one.

Third, Jesus gives His disciples a new command: to love one another as He has loved them. His behavior towards them defines what love they are to offer each other. Then on the cross, He will model that love even more. Such radical love can scare us. We can look for crosses everywhere and not find them.

When Jesus gives us to Mary and Mary to us from the cross, He is telling us to follow Mary's simple everyday acts of loving those around us: our family, couples getting married, those in need, those in suffering, etc. Who better to give us a very human example of fulfilling Jesus' new commandment and modeling, then the one who taught Him how to love as her child!

This October, let us ask Mary, our Mother to lovingly teach us how to love as she taught Jesus.

Fr. Michael

Grand Knight

Welcome to the month of Columbus. There are several activities that are going on this month to honor the namesake of our order Christopher Columbus. Take time to reflect about why you joined the Knights. Make an effort to give at least 8 hours of your time each month to the activities of our order. If you attend the business meeting and the social meeting you have already have four hours in the books. Consider volunteering one bingo Friday night and you have fulfilled 8 hours. There are many activities that you can participate in that would welcome your time. BECOME INVOLVED!

Take a position as an officer of the council or Kay Cee Club, become a member of the degree team, help at church activities, help take veterans to church services at Perry Point are just a few of things that you can do to become more involved. Start small and get a feel for the activities that we are involved in. If you need some ideas, call me and we can discuss some areas that might fit your time and expertise.

There is a second degree coming up on the second of this month. If you need to take your second degree let me know and we can get it done. There will be a third degree on November 3rd, a Friday at St Joan church in Aberdeen. Can't get much closer than that. GET IT DONE!

The bingo workers party had to be moved to Oct 8th because I double booked the hall. My fault, sorry for any inconvenience!

Thanks for all that sold car raffle tickets at St Mark and at the St Margaret Fall Festival. There will be an opportunity to purchase your tickets at the business meeting if you don't already have them. Bring a ten dollar bill!

If you need information about anything that is going on in the Council or have questions call me.

Yours in Christ,

John Knapstein, Grand Knight, [410-692-9823](tel:410-692-9823)Jdk920488@gmail.com

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 public



Brother Joe Pisani with Harford County Deputy Tom Werhle who presented an excellent program on how to deal with an active shooter in an enclosed environment. If you have an opportunity to hear his presentation make sure you attend. The information was invaluable if you are ever in an active shooter situation.



Grand Knight John Knapstein presents George and Sally Hechter with the July Family of the Month award for July.

Fraternal Benefits

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care

business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today. **Edward A. O'Keefe**, CLU, ChfC, CASL

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Council Activities

Sick and Deceased

Please continue to pray for the following brothers and sisters: Pat Ruckle; Al Kramer; Tom Krista; Chuck Duvall; Ray Caralle; Vernon West; Edie Krebs, wife of brother Ron Krebs; Tony Grato; Pete Kozak; Margie Mack; Gilly Ann McNamara, wife of PGK Kevin McNamara; and Father Michael Buttner.

On Friday, September 15, Ron Krebs had an unfortunate accident, tripping and injuring his back and foot. He has indicated that he is recovering and, while still suffering some soreness is able to walk. He says he will be joining us at the next bingo. Please pray that he does indeed get back to good health. Also, please pray for the people who suffered loss and injury from Hurricanes Harvey and Emma.

Joe Pisani, 443-955-9428,

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Calendar of events

2 Oct	Second Degree 7pm
3 Oct	Business Meeting 7:30 pm
7 Oct	Columbus Day Ball
7 Oct	Rosary St Mark after 4 pm Mass
8 Oct	Bingo Worker Party
15 Oct	Spaghetti Dinner 2-6
17 Oct	Social Meeting 7pm
21 Oct	Night of Entertainment
29 Oct	Trunk or Treat St. Mark 4pm

Social meeting Oct 17th

Representative for Chesapeake Insurance agency will give a presentation on things we need to do minimize our risk as homeowners. In light of recent storms in Florida and Texas, do we have the right coverages or are we paying for unnecessary items?

Hall steward

Bartenders needed. Get certified 27 September 10 am -2 pm. Call for more info: 410-692-9823.

Alive and Well

Brothers Helping Brothers” is a new program where a council member will provide transportation to a member if he needs a ride to/from the hospital, doctor’s office or some other emergency. Also, if you can provide transportation, let me know. It’s okay if you are not available should you be called to help someone in need. We will do what we can to help our brothers in need and call another person on our roster. Contact me at 443-955-9428 or via email joebbluegrass@hotmail.com, please sign up to help.

Joe Pisani, 443-955-9428

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 name drawn at the September meeting for \$15.00 was John Sparzak and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the October meeting will be \$20.00.

Tom Sutera

Community Activities

Perry Point Program

The Bel Air Council will be assisting patients at Perry Point on the first Sundays of the month.

We will once again be looking for help on the first Sunday of October (1st) for our turn to aid the patients at Perry Point. If you would like to join us, we leave from the McDonalds on 543 in Riverside at 9:30 AM, or you may want to join us at the Chapel in Perry Point at 10:00 AM. Mass is at 10:30 AM.

After returning the patients to their various buildings, we usually return to Riverside by noon. If you are unable to help with patients, you are very welcome to join us at Mass. If you want more information call Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058. Our thanks to all of our members, wives, and friends that help us aid our veterans each month. God Bless All of You.

Tom Sutera

Tootsie Roll Program



Our Tootsie Roll Program needs help from Knights of Columbus Members who are Parishioners of Saint Mark Church to volunteer handing out Tootsie Rolls after all Masses on October 7th and 8th. To date, only 3 Members have responded to our call for help. Please give Tony Lamancusa a call at [410-322-3272](tel:410-322-3272) if you are interested to support our Tootsie Roll Program at Saint Mark Church. Three people are needed for the 4 o'clock Mass on October 7th and Eight people are needed on October 8th to fill in for the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses.

Church Activities

October is the month of Mary. What does that mean for a Knight? Several things.

First, Mary is our Lady in many special ways. She is the model of our service to the Kingdom of God as the church in the flesh here and now. Therefore, like a knight of old, we have a woman of honor that we stand up for in order to honor all women.

To keep the honor that God has given Our Lady from before time, we are willing to study what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about that divine honor to her. We know of the Early Church's penultimate Marian Title: Mother of God, (495); we can speak to her as the model of the church, (961), and we can explain why we go to her as our mother, given to us by Jesus Himself, ((963). We defend Mary's right to be addressed in these ways.

Next, we speak biblically about Mary's virginity, (496-507). We share thoroughly with others how and why Mary stands for all humanity openness to God's will in the mystery of the Incarnation, (488-495, 502-504). We are not afraid to tell those who question us how the Father responds to Mary's love of God and surrender to the Divine Will by drawing her body and soul into heaven, (966, and 974). We can be clear on how Mary still serves God with all her new honor as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth", (963-970).

It may take our time and focus to study the catechism in this way, but we are Our Lady's Knights. Her honor is our honor to serve. This October hone yourself to serve our Mother more fully. This will honor her!

Fr. Michael

Youth Activities

Our Rosary Program for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes is underway. This is our 3rd year for this program at St. Mark and 2nd year for St. Margaret School. The program has been well received by both churches. Mrs. Joan Brown, (St. Margaret), has indicated that the need for St. Margaret is down slightly from last year. Presently, we do not know St. Mark's need for this year. We look forward to providing the rosaries and serving as ushers for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses.

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest is being co-chaired by Tom Krista and Joe Pisani this year. We have contacted Mrs. Hobik at St. Margaret School regarding the program. Ms. Peggy Hart, the art teacher will be our contact this year. She is beginning to instruct her students on the KCIC poster contest. Again, this year, we will judge the posters at our social meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in the judging.

Joe Pisani

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hello Everybody,

In the aftermath of the severe hurricanes in Texas and Florida, CLSO donated \$100 for Hurricane Relief. According to the experts, hurricane season is from June 1st to November 30th, that means we still have some time to be watchful. St. Medard is the Parton Saint for Protection Against Bad Storms. Very little is known about him. He was a bishop and legend says that when he was a child, Medard was once sheltered from the rain by a hovering eagle. St. Medard pray for us.

Please keep Sharon DiMatteo in your prayers. She took a fall recently and has multiple fractures to her pelvis and hip. She also has injured her finger and elbow. She was hospitalized and is now in rehab in Delaware. She has asked for our prayers. I don't have the address in Delaware, but you may send your Get-Well cards to her Fallston address.

Please mark your calendars! Our next Business Meeting will be held on October 13th (the second Friday of the Month) at Boston Pizza – 12:00 Noon. Boston Pizza is located behind the Wegman's store at the Boulevard in Abingdon. (off Rt. 924)

Support the Knights' Friday Night Bingo – If you haven't attended lately, come see and enjoy the improvements. Our Ladies Game is a only \$1 for a six-on card and the prize is split the pot. This is a major fundraiser for CLSO. The more you buy the bigger the prize you may win.

Our October Saint of the Month is St Theresa the Little Flower and our Color is Blue. Please wear or carry something Blue to the October meeting.

Our October Birthday Lady is Norma Miller - 10/23

Our October Anniversary couple is Ana & John Grigaliunas - 10/19/2001

Pray the Rosary Daily. There will be a rosary rally held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon at the White Marsh Park and Ride. Bring your rosary and pray for world peace.

There are just a few tickets available for the Knight's Entertainment Night October 21, 2017. Call now to avoid disappointment. There will be two acts this time, *Mr. Charisma* and *The Sensations*, (a Doo Whop group). Admission is only \$35 per person and includes diner, dessert, beverages and the show. Call Dick Kozlowski – 410 676 2862.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dee Kozlowski, President Catholic Ladies Service Organization, 410-676-2862, mtmama624@aol.c

Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William E. Lori

PERIPHERAL VISION 9/1/2017



***WE ARE CALLED TO LOOK
BEYOND OUR OWN IMMEDIATE
CONCERNS AND TO REACH OUT
TO THOSE MOST IN NEED***

PERIPHERAL VISION – what we see “out the corner of our eye” is important. If you're driving along a busy highway, peripheral vision enables you to glimpse that car just emerging from your blind spot. In a crowded room, peripheral vision helps you see people around you. It can also help you to notice a person who is off to the side, overlooked or in need of attention.

People sometimes suffer a loss of peripheral vision with age and declining eyesight, while even those with 20/20 vision can miss what should be visible to them. At a restaurant, for instance, otherwise attentive waiters sometimes seem to suddenly lose their peripheral vision if you're anxious to pay the check.

Something similar can also happen in the depth of one's heart. The peripheral vision of our hearts

diminishes if we do not make it a habit to see beyond our own wants and needs. If our hearts ignore inconvenient truths and realities on the right and on the left, our field of spiritual vision will narrow.

THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS

We may think that our spiritual vision is 20/20 because we see clearly what is right in front of us. A hobby might claim most of our attention, or we may be rightfully concerned about things such as the well-being of our families, our performance at work, or long-term financial goals. It's even possible to be so wrapped up in our own spiritual lives that we cannot see the spiritual and material needs of those around us.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us, “The lamp of the body is the eye. If the eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Mt 6:22-23; see also Lk 11:34- 36). Just as our physical eyes perceive natural light, so too the eyes of our hearts are meant to perceive the light of God's love and truth and the dignity of our neighbor.

Pope Francis has repeatedly called us to “go the peripheries.” He once said in an interview, “We need to come out of ourselves and head for the periphery. We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world.”

The Holy Father tells us that a self-referential Church will grow old and dim. He challenges us not to focus so intently on our own concerns that we fail to see the needs of others. He urges us to develop, with the help of God's grace, “a heart which sees” to use a phrase from Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*. Our hearts must see those who are on the margins of the Church and society. In fact, “a closed heart,” Pope Francis has observed, “cannot understand what Christianity is.”

BEYOND OUR COMFORT ZONES

Where, then, are these peripheries to be found? Surely, they are found in the poorest, most undeveloped countries on earth. Pope Francis drew attention to such peripheries, for example, when he visited the Central African Republic in 2015. Such countries are out of the line of sight of many, if not most, who live in highly developed countries. The pope has called our

attention to the plight of refugees and immigrants by his visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa. Thousands lose their lives in the Mediterranean as they try to make their way to mainland Europe in rickety boats.

Pope Francis has likewise called us to focus on the plight of those persecuted for their Christian faith in the Middle East and elsewhere. So often we miss the fact that our fellow Christians are losing their lives and suffering dreadfully simply because they are Christians. The pope also calls our attention to the poor and the sick in our midst. In the city of Baltimore, where I reside, there exist devastated and violence-ridden neighborhoods where a sense of hopelessness pervades the streets.

There are also spiritual peripheries. Think of the many people in every parish who no longer attend Mass or take part in parish activities. We might sometimes lament their absence but, in the end, adopt an attitude of “out of sight, out of mind.” The pope tells us that we must not allow these fellow Christians to escape our field of vision. Instead, we must reach out to them, listen to them, come to know their concerns, and look for opportunities to invite them back to the faith.

How, then, can we increase the peripheral vision of our hearts? First, we need to be aware of what hampers our vision, such as attitudes of defensiveness, fear and indifference. Next, we need, with God’s grace, to become adept at going beyond our comfort zones and encountering those whose lives, viewpoints and concerns are very different from our own. This is not easy, but it is the attitude of each true missionary disciple.

Our field of vision broadens as we encounter others with deep charity, a sense of fraternal solidarity, and a desire to break down barriers, to create unity. In a phrase, we must bring to those encounters an awareness of God’s merciful love. And once our field of vision broadens, those on the peripheries are no longer peripheral. They are squarely in our line of sight.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT



Brother Knights and Friends,

As you know, many areas in the southern United States, as well as the Caribbean, have been devastated by the back-to-back hurricanes, Harvey and Irma.

Since Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas Gulf Coast brother Knights, their families and others have contributed \$2.3 million for victims of the recent hurricanes and natural disasters. The Knights of Columbus also has taken a leadership role in assisting those affected by these storms, including the immediate distribution of more than \$720,000 for food, water and other necessities with more funds being distributed every day.

The outpouring of generosity to our appeal has been magnificent, and I personally thank each of you who have contributed. This level of service by our brother Knights is reflective of the work done last year by our Knights in Louisiana in response to the flooding there.

Charity has always been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. Pope Francis has said, “To Love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete. It means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, and serve him concretely.” Our brother Knights continue to be examples of just such concrete service to their neighbors.

Many of these volunteer Knights are men whose own homes and property have been destroyed and yet are putting the needs of others in front of their own. These are the kind of men who show just how deeply our members believe in the Knights of Columbus’ first principle of charity.

Charity is the Knights of Columbus’ first principle and the basis for all we do as Knights. In other words, to be a Knight of Columbus is to be a man for others. And this is what our brother Knights in Texas, Florida and other locations have shown themselves to be.

Again, my thanks to all of you who have and are volunteering and to those of you who have contributed

to our relief effort. Your efforts are making a difference.

And I encourage any of you who have not contributed to the Knights of Columbus relief effort, or who wish to give more, to please do so immediately. The need is great, and the need continues.

Donate:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html>

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER



**The Sons of Italy Harford County Lodge 2464 and the
Knights of Columbus Council 4714**

Will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on
Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 2 to 6 pm
at the Knights of Columbus Newport Room.

Admission is \$10pp and children under 5 are free.

Volunteers are needed to help with games, serving and cooking.

Those of you who are willing to help, Please Call
Steve Kolowski at 443-567-6842 or
Tony Lamancusa at 410-322-3272.