



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight's Message

It's September and I'm proud of the fact that with your assistance and support we are continuing to create a presence in our Catholic Community. We are doing this through great programs in the right locations with the Catholic Churches and Schools in our area. September is exciting because it is not only the beginning of the school year but the start of the busiest time in our fraternal calendar as a good portion of the programs we conduct occur between September and December.

Last month I challenged the Council to bring in 24 new members by May 2015. This month I want to unveil a membership incentive program to motivate the entire Council to invite Catholic Gentlemen to our Council at every opportunity or program we conduct. The membership incentive program is fairly simple: the Council will purchase a Bel Air Polo for every Brother who brings in one new member this year. For Brothers who sponsor two new members within the fraternal year, the sponsor will be awarded Supreme's Silver Knight award. When a Brother brings in three new members within the fraternal year the Council will purchase a Bel Air Jacket.

This is a great time to be part of Bel Air Council and the Knights of Columbus. While we are building relationships and creating a presence with our Catholic Community, we are also working to create a presence in our digital community. Our Council is updating our website so that it will provide a clean new venue that is mobile device friendly. The site will not only include what Bel Air Council does but will provide the resources to enable our Brothers to keep up with what is going on within our Order and within the Catholic faith.

Vivat Jesus,
Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,
knightsfc@gmail.com

District Deputy

I appreciate the hospitality extended to LuAnne and I at the St. Ignatius, Corpus Christi and Havre de Grace councils' installations. I appreciate the exceptional preparation and cooperation from each of the councils and Worth District Warden Dave Meneghini's outstanding leadership in coordinating and preparing for the installation ceremonies.

A first degree ceremony is scheduled in every month through June somewhere in the district and a second degree on the first Monday of October, January and April. Worthy State Deputy Adamczyk's policy is that there will be no degree cancellations - no exceptions. As soon as a candidate signs the Form 100, you should make arrangement for them to attend a first degree. Let the host council GK and FS know you plan to attend and we can arrange for someone from the candidate's council to participate in the degree and earn the council credit for "hosting or participating" in a degree.

I encourage Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and Past Grand Knights to attend Baltimore Chapter Grand Knight meetings. Please take a look at their website (<http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore>) to find the location of future meetings. The meetings now are specifically geared towards ideas for programs and membership.

State events:

- Saturday, September 27 - State Special Olympics Day - one event per council
- Saturday, October 11 - Columbus Day Ball at BWI Marriott
- Friday - Sunday, October 24 - 26, Fall meeting in Cumberland, MD
- Sunday, December 14 - NYC bus trip with Radio Music City Hall show

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

District Events:

- Tuesday, September 2 - First degree at Corpus Christi Council 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 7 - Bishop Becker Installation (12:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception parish - tentative as of Aug 19)
- Saturday, September 20 (10am - 12 pm) - District Meeting at Bishop Becker
- Sunday, September 21 - Bel Air Installation (11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark)
- Sunday, October 5 1:00 pm - District Golf tournament at Exton Golf Course, Edgewood Area of APG (rcaralle1@verizon.net for reservations)
- Monday, October 6 - 2nd degree at Bel Air Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m.

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Events:

- Thursday, September 11 (8:00 p.m.) - Shrimp Night (Ladies are invited) at Cardinal Gibbons Council, 4301 Klosterman Ave. Baltimore, MD 21236
- Thursday, October 9 (8:00 p.m.) Notre Dame Council, 210 Homeland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21222

Richard Belmonte, District Deputy #16

Fraternal Benefits

Ways to pay for whole life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid

for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

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

<http://okeefefinancialplanning.com>

Council Activities

Car Raffle

Brothers and Ladies, let me offer a sincere thank you for your support of this year's car raffle. We were a little late beginning the campaign this year - mid-July, but your prompt response helped us to get back on track. We mailed just over 6,000 tickets and at present we have received 1,160 tickets stubs. As you probably know this fund raiser supports the state council's college fund and we receive 60% of the net proceeds that we generate. This year the state council greatly

enhanced the grand prize with a \$ 15,000. cash alternative in lieu of the 2015 Ford Mustang. So those of you who have not sold or purchased the tickets we sent to you please do so as quickly as you possibly can.

Once again Fr. Jerry supported this campaign by allowing us to sell tickets at St. Mark's parish after all Mass the weekends of August 23rd and 24th again on Sept. 13th and 14th. We can always use some help. If you have a few extra minutes please come and help. We will also be selling tickets at the Safe Way Supermarket Rt. 22 located in the Greenbrier Shopping Center. We will be there on Sept. 28th and we need plenty of help. There will be two tables set up one at each of the stores entrances. We need two persons per table for two hour shifts from noon to 6 PM. Please call Dick Kozlowski @ 410-676-2862 to set up your hours.

Dick Kozlowski

Installation of Officers

The installation of officers is scheduled for Sept. 21st at St. Mark's Parish immediately following the 11AM Mass. The social will be held at our council home and it will be catered by Sterling Caterers. The menu is superb beginning with a cheese and vegetable display followed with a garden salad, pit beef/ham Bar-B-Que chicken, baked beans, potato salad, corn on the cob, rolls and condiments, watermelon and a sheet cake. There will also be dancing at the social and the D.J. will be our own Earnie and Natalie Boyd. Dinner and dancing will be from 2 to 5PM. All this for a mere \$ 10.00 charge per person. Children 12 and under are FREE. So please bring the family and you may want to ask a prospective member to come along with their spouse to help increase the CLSO membership. Please contact Dick Kozlowski 410-676-2862 or e-mail richard6247@aol.com.

Dick Kozlowski

August Social

Those of you who missed the August social also missed a fascinating presentation by a young woman named Maura Donnelly, a native of Forest Hill, a graduate of John Carroll School and the University of Maryland, and a parishioner of St. Margaret, who is engaged in full-time missionary work in the United States with a group called FOCUS — Fellowship of Catholic University Students. Maura told us how going away to college drew her away from her faith,

how a group of on-campus Catholic evangelists helped her remain in the faith, and how she was inspired to become a full-time missionary with FOCUS and share her Catholic faith and love of the Lord with other college students. She is currently assigned at the University of Rhode Island. For those of you who want to know more about FOCUS, visit their web site at www.focus.org. If you would like to support Maura financially in her mission, you can click "Give Now" and then "Support a Missionary" on the web site; then search for Maura Donnelly to find her support page. If you wish to write a check, please write out your check to FOCUS; write "Maura Donnelly #44203" on the memo line to make sure your contribution is credited to her work. Then send your check to:

FOCUS National Office
PO Box 18710
Golden. CO 80402-9809

V/J,

Kevin McNamara, DGK

Council Programs

Bel Air Council is pleased to report that we have a new chairman of Church Activities as well as a new chairman of Alive and Well. You will recall that Brother Vic Ferrara, who had filled both roles for the longest time, decided recently to write a new chapter in his life with his lovely lady Millie and move to Pennsylvania to be closer to their daughter. Brother John Gaughan has volunteered to helm Church Activities, while Chancellor John Knapstein stepped up to run Alive and Well. For those of you who wish to contact John about prayer needs or (God forbid) deaths in the council family, you can reach John at jdk92048@aol.com or 410-692-9823.

V/J,

Kevin McNamara, DGK, Program Director

First Degree Team

After a successful degree at the August business meeting, our team is preparing for judgment by the state during the current fraternal year. It's been a while since we competed for honors at the ocean. But of course, the point is not for the honors, as deserving of honors as the members of our team are. It's that we can always improve our presentation of the degree, both as individuals and as a team, the better to present to new candidates the first principle of our order. A few brothers have taken up either the GK or me on our frequent encouragement to step up and take a role,

especially a major speaking role, as all the roles need understudies. Please contact me at kgm4714@gmail.org or see me at a business meeting if you would like to consider a role on the team.

Remember also, and this is to encourage all of us in our recruiting efforts as well as to remind the team, that the Worthy State Deputy has decreed that no degree in this state will be cancelled this year. This means that we will present a degree on schedule, as we always have, whether there are candidates or not. Team members, stay in practice. Our next degree will take place at our November business meeting. NOTE: The November business meeting will take place on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, as Tuesday, November 7, is Election Day and the hall will be used as a polling place. So everyone, if you're preparing a candidate to come to our next first degree, make sure he is available on Thursday, November 9.

Kevin McNamara, DGK, Team Captain

Fourth Degree

Any third degree Knight in good standing is eligible to become a fourth degree Knight. There is no longer a waiting period between your third and fourth degrees. As of this writing, the next fourth degree exemplification is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Frederick-Conference Center at FSK Mall. Meetings of St. Francis Xavier Assembly are held the third Monday of every month at Bel Air Council at 7:00 p.m. Ask any fourth degree Knight in the council how you can become a fourth degree Knight.

Kevin McNamara, PFN, St. Francis Xavier Assembly

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 August meeting was **Chester Duncan** and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the September meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Tom Sutera

Sick and Deceased

Since Vic has moved away I will attempt to fill his shoes, (not an easy task). Please let me know who needs our prayers and when you hear of the passing of member of the Council 4714 extended family please let me know. I will also be reporting at the Alive and Well activity of our regular monthly meeting.

We need to pray for all the sick and deceased members of our council.

John Knapstein 410-692-9823 jdk92048@aol.com

Family Activities

The Family of the Month for the month of July, was awarded to John Knapstein and family. John has always been quick to volunteer in any area that has needed help. Presently, John is the Council's Lecturer starting his second year at that office. Recently, he chaired the Family of the Month program for our Council. Over the years, John has been quick to help in every level of Council participation. We thank him for his presentation on Honey Bees not too long ago for a Social Activity. Not too many years ago, John's children worked on hall set-ups and tear downs. This award is a small token to honor John and his family for a "Job Well Done". Thank-you!

Tom Sutera

Youth Activities

Pack 999: The cub scouts will start the new season with a Parent/Pack meeting on August 27. Although there was no specific agenda submitted before press time, the meeting will include an ice cream social.

Troop 999: Five Life Scouts had their proposed eagle projects approve at the recent roundtable meeting. Of the five projects, the Council will benefit from three. One of the projects will address the erosion behind the shed. The other two projects will spruce up the picnic tables and the grounds around those tables. These projects are intended to improve the general appearance of the council grounds. After successful completion of these projects, these scouts will be promoted to Eagle Scout Rank. Best wishes to these scouts as the Eagle Rank is for a lifetime.

The troop will be hosting Cub Pack 564 on September 3. The object of this meeting is to introduce the younger scouts to activities that the older scouts enjoy and hopefully, attract new younger members to Troop 999.

Anyone interested in helping with the youth programs, please contact Joe Pisani at 443-955-9428. You will have lots of fun and experience great rewards!!!

Joe Pisani

Community Activities

St. Mark Blood Drive

On Sunday, July 27, the Bel Air Council sponsored a blood drive at St. Mark's McCall Center. The event was scheduled to run from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm but actually wrapped up about 2:30 pm. The goal, based on historical data from previous blood drives was 23 units. However, we were fortunate to have a better than expected turnout and exceeded the goal by 200%, producing 46 units. In fact, the event was so successful that the Red Cross ran out of supplies and we had to turn potential donors away. This drive came at a crucial time as the Red Cross had just announced a nation-wide plea for donors due to low blood supplies.

Brother Knights, who are also parishioners of St. Mark, volunteered to sign up potential blood donors before and after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday on the two weeks preceding the actual drive. Their efforts accounted for over 56 potential donors. Unfortunately not all persons were able to donate for various reasons.

Thanks to all the brother knights who assisted in making this drive so successful including, Joe Potter, Eric Tiso, Andrew Pisano, Tony Lamancusa, Chester Duncan, Matt Kelly, Robert Jump, Frank Gunning, Dick Kozlowski and Tom Krista. A very special thank you to John Orsini who assisted the entire day of the drive by greeting donors, signing them in and providing them with refreshments. Special thanks to Father Jerry Francik and the parishioners of St. Mark for allowing the Bel Air Council the privilege of running their semi-annual blood drive.

Alzheimer's Walk

I'm organizing a team again this year to walk at the Harford County Walk to End Alzheimer's on November 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The walk will be held at Tollgate Equestrian Center. Total walk is about 2 1/2 miles with little elevation change. Please consider joining the "KC 4714" team that day for the walk or sponsor someone on the team by making a donation. Join the team now and then ask your friends and neighbors to support you. Information about joining the "KC 4714" team or making a donation can be found at the following web address:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2014/MD-GreaterMaryland?pg=team&fr_id=5157&team_id=217746

The proceeds from the August 29 bingo will be donated to Alzheimer's Association. Thank you one and all!

Dick Belmonte, rbbelmon@gmail.com,
410-838-6329.

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 September (7th) 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 with Father Jonathon. If you want more information call Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058.

Tom Sutera

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe summer is almost officially over and school is back in session?

Last month seventeen of our wonderful ladies celebrated the CLSO Birthday Party held at Mamie's Café in Breads Hill Shopping Center. We had a wonderful time, enjoying great food and even greater

fellowship. I had the pleasure of announcing our Lady of the Year – for those of you who were not there, Our Lady of the Year for 2013-2014 is Karen Warner. Karen received a scroll and a \$25 gift card. Congratulations Karen!

We had to cancel our August meeting because of bad weather but rescheduled it for Monday August 18. We shared the facilities with the Knights of the Fourth Degree. The Fourth Degree Knights were gracious enough to not only welcome us to attend mass with them but invited us to stay for dinner. Thank you fellows it was really nice.

We welcomed, guest speaker, Maura Donnelly to our meeting. Maura told us about her missionary work with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). FOCUS missionaries helping students maintain and strengthen their Catholic identity and faith despite the pressures and distractions of college life. Maura ministers to the Catholic students of the Univ. of Rhode Island. Maura was seeking financial and prayer support for her ministry. We collected school supplies for the Mason Dixon Community Services and religious goods for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Mark your calendars for the Bel Air Knights of Columbus and CLSO Installation of Officers which will be held at St Mark's September, 21 immediately after the 11 AM Mass. Following the mass and installation ceremonies there will be a dinner party with music and a DJ at the Council home. Cost is \$10. PP Call Richard Kozlowski - 410-676-2862 for reservations. I hope you can all make it.

Next month we will roll up our sleeves and get busy with our normal business and fund raising projects. We will be finalizing the telephone tree, address lists and voting on our updated rules and by-laws. Our business meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 7 PM. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

May God bless and protect us all,
Dee Kozlowski –President CLSO 410-676-2862

Reflections

Conquer We Will – The Changing Tide

(Part 1 of a 2 part series)

Abortion in America will be outlawed, and it will occur within the lifetimes of many of us – if we continue to work and pray for its demise. The signs are clear. Public attitudes are changing. Pro-life advocacy is increasing. Pro-abortion support is declining.

The battle for the hearts and minds in America is being won. A Rasmussen Reports survey, conducted this summer, found that 52 percent of likely voters now consider abortion to be morally wrong most of the time; only 32 percent believe abortion is morally acceptable in most cases.

In 1993, 20 years after the passage of Roe v. Wade, a CBS/New York Times poll found that 42 percent of the respondents thought abortion should be generally available to anyone who wanted it, 20 percent wanted it totally banned, while the remainder believed it should be available under more restrictive conditions. Similar surveys in the ensuing years showed a shift in public attitude away from virtually unbounded abortion. Then, in August of this year, a CBS News Poll found that over these two decades, support for generally available abortions declined to 36 percent, a six percent drop, while support for a total ban had risen to 26 percent, a six percent increase.

Further, surveys of specific conditions to limit abortions show strong support for pro-life positions. Rasmussen Reports polls conducted in 2013 and 2014 found that a plurality of likely voters favor a ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, support a mandatory waiting period before a woman is allowed to get an abortion, and agree with the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Hobby Lobby case that business owners should be able to opt out of Obamacare's contraceptive mandate if it violates their religious beliefs.

Advances in science and technology are aiding the trend. With the increasing availability of ultrasound pictures and videos, coupled with advances in neonatology, more and more people recognize that the fetus is an early stage of an unborn child. They can see a human form developing at eight weeks, know

that a child feels pain at 20 weeks, and have children survive outside of the womb at 24 weeks.

Changes in public attitude are leading to legislative victories. Since 2011, there have been 226 pro-life laws passed at the state level. A growing number of states now require women to undergo counseling, waiting periods or ultrasounds prior to obtaining abortions, and minors to obtain their parents' consent to terminate pregnancies. Abortion clinics are being subject to stricter facilities requirements, and in eleven states abortionists must have admission privileges at local hospitals. These changes help women to make more informed decisions, and to improve the medical care they receive if they choose abortion.

The changing public perceptions, continuing pro-life advocacy, new pro-life laws, and advances in science and technology are having an effect on abortion availability. In 1991, there were 2,176 clinics that performed surgical abortions. According to AbortionDoc.com, there currently are only 574 such clinics, plus an additional 174 abortion-pill-only clinics, and these numbers are declining regularly. Further, abortionists are aging and not being replaced by young doctors who do not want to deal with public pro-life demonstrations. As a result, 89 percent of U.S. counties have no abortion clinics, and there is only one provider of surgical abortions in each of the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

The passage of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 made abortion legal in America with virtually no restrictions. For the past 41 years, pro-life forces have been working successfully to limit its range. In January 2013, *Time* magazine ran a cover story titled, "40 years ago, abortion-rights activists won an epic victory with *Roe v. Wade*. They've been losing ever since." The same theme has been echoed in other publications and by the leaders of several major pro-abortion organizations.

With their Supreme Court victory, the abortion lobby adopted the term pro-choice to describe their aims. As

time passed, people recognized that pro-choice was a euphemism for abortion. The term has become stale and outdated. Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said, "I just think the 'pro-choice' language doesn't really resonate particularly with a lot of young women voters." This realization led her organization last year to formally drop the term "pro-choice," as it seeks to enlist new supporters.

The future for continued pro-life gains looks bright. Young people show much more passion and intensity for pro-life issues than for pro-abortion. When Nancy Keenan resigned as president of NARAL Pro-Choice America in December 2012, she mentioned that at the national March for Life, she saw huge numbers of teenagers and young adults that she did not see at pro-abortion rallies. She remarked, "I just thought, my gosh, they are so young. There are so many of them, and they are so young."

An internal NARAL survey found that among voters under age 30 who support pro-life 51 percent state that opposing abortion is a "very important" voting issue compared with just 26 percent of equally young abortion backers. A May 2014 Gallup poll agreed, finding "more pro-life voters than pro-choice voters saying they will only back candidates who share their views," 24 percent vs. 16 percent.

This intensity gap among teenagers and young voters bodes well for the pro-life movement. As Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue, so pointedly stated: "Abortion numbers are down, pro-life sentiment is up. Laws are being enforced. Babies are being saved."

The moment is right and a complete victory can be achieved. Continue to work and pray for an end to abortion.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence P. Grayson

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