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Bel Air Council 4714

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Grand Knight's Message



What sort of mark are we leaving on our community? In ten, twenty, or a hundred years, will people be able to look back and say, "These men were Knights, and this is what

they stood for?" Will they remember us as staunch believers in Jesus, who aided them in their day to day lives and brought them closer to God? The legacy we leave will be tied directly to the programs we offer, and the good works that we do. I urge you to keep that in mind when you think about the how you will support and define the future of our order.

Since last year our Council has embarked on a focused path to strengthen the bonds with our area's Catholic Community; building lasting relationships with that community: Our Churches - St. Mark, St. Margaret and our Catholic schools St. Margaret and John Carroll. You have heard that we are "Creating a Presence" in our Catholic community. To do this we focused on conducting the right programs in the right locations. You helped make that vision a reality. We conducted a plethora of new programs and began to invest our time, talent, and treasure into building relationships and "Creating a Presence." These changes garnered the expected result: renewed interest in the Council and 14 new members. Our Council is becoming known again at St. Margaret School and St. Mark Parish. People are beginning to know what we stand for and are interested in learning more.

This year is about continuing the effort to "Create a Presence." Join me in this quest, if you see as I see, a future of endless possibility stretching before us; if you sense, as I sense, that the time is now to make our mark in our Catholic community. I'm ready to take up the cause, and march with you, and work with you. Together, let us pick up the Cross for this Council and continue the work that needs to be done, and usher in a new birth for Bel Air Council.

Last year we made a huge stride forward. We excelled at everything we put our minds too. This year let us redouble those efforts by continuing to conduct the right programs in the right locations but also by doubling our new members. If everyone invites one new member to our Council we will smash the challenge I have placed of 24 new members. We are a great Council and we should be recognized as such. Help us place a Star on our wall for the first time in over a decade. Let's show the Maryland State Council and Supreme that Bel Air Council is a force to be recognized and display our rebirth with the honor of Star Council this year.

May the Lord call you to be a change agent for Bel Air Council and implore you to give your time, talent, and treasure to cultivate a lasting relationship with our Catholic Community that will continue the great reputation and future of the Bel Air Knights of Columbus Council 4714.

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

District Deputy

I appreciate the hospitality extended to LuAnne and me at all of the district installations. These were all impressive events. Kudos to all who made them possible.

October is typically the busiest month of the fraternal year. Between the Columbus Day Ball, the Columbus Day parade, various recruitment activities, Tootsie Roll drives and soccer shoot-outs, there is something to keep everyone busy.

The second reporting quarter for the state is underway. Each council should plan for and conduct an event in each of the six fraternal areas between September 1

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

and November 30. Speaking of November, that is the month when the State and councils conduct their Memorial Masses. It's a great time to reach out to the widows and make them particularly welcome at a council event. If your council is having a memorial Mass or gathering in November, be sure to invite the widows who may not regularly visit the council. Remember, our Order was founded specifically to help support widows and orphans. Did you know you can get a VIP card for widows? Ask me how.

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, October 11 - Columbus Day Ball at BWI Marriott
- Friday - Sunday, October 24 - 26, Fall meeting in Cumberland, MD
- Sunday, November 16 (12:00 p.m.) - Holy Rosary Church, Mitchellville (Walt Williams, PGK, FDD is the chairman)
- Sunday, December 14 - NYC bus trip with Radio Music City Hall show (Pat Ruckle, PGK is the chairman)

District events

- Sunday, October 5 1:00 pm - District Golf tournament at Exton Golf Course
- Monday, October 6 - 2nd degree at Bel Air Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 23 - 1st degree at St. Ignatius Council - Candidates at 7:30 p.m.

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights events

- Thursday, October 9 (8:00 p.m.) Notre Dame Council, 210 Homeland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21222

- Thursday, November 13 (7:00 p.m.) Pope John Paul the Great Council, Baltimore Chapter Memorial Mass 10003 Bird River Rd., Baltimore, MD 21220
Richard Belmonte, District Deputy #16

Fraternal Benefits

The VANTAGE Annuity Advantage

Concerned about a comfortable and worry-free retirement? In addition to our traditional Flexible Premium Annuity, the Knights of Columbus offers the VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity, and it may be part of the answer for you.

With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, the VANTAGE allows you to lock-in a guaranteed interest rate for five years. In addition, there are several attractive renewal options once the five-year period has expired, including keeping the funds in another VANTAGE Annuity, placing them in a more traditional flexible premium annuity where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or — in the 30-day period prior to the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries — withdrawing the funds without a surrender charge.

The VANTAGE Annuity, along with our Flexible Premium Annuity, provides the guarantees that Knights of Columbus members have come to expect — guaranteed interest rates along with absolute safety of principal. In addition, we can easily accommodate rollovers and transfers free of charge.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience — in your home — to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve.

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

<http://okeefefinancialplanning.com>

Council Activities

Tootsie Roll Program

The Tootsie Roll Program is now in full swing. Please check your calendar for the dates and times that you may have volunteered. You will receive a reminder call from the Knights. If you are unable to serve the date or time that you have selected, please notify Paul Zarachowicz as soon as possible. Remember that there are fellow Knights that have volunteered before you and we certainly would not want them to have to remain at your assignment in the event that you do not show up. Please be considerate of others. We thank you for your service to raise funds for "God's Special People". God Bless you!

Paul Zarachowicz

(410) 638-9864

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 was Paul Roeger and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the October meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Tom Sutera

Sick and Deceased

Prayers are needed for David Kerber son-in-law of Paul Zarachowicz, Al Kramer, Tom McCubbin, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Ernest Borowski, Len Phillips, Vernon West .and Gilly McNamara. Pray for the souls of Gloria Roeger, wife of Paul Roeger and Joyce Windsor wife of Len Windsor who recently passed away.

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

Family Activities

We congratulate and thank the families of John Knapstein for July, Pete Kozak for August, Richard Kozlowski for September, and Chuck Lasek for the coming month of October. The Council appreciates the devotion of these members and their families for their time and talents that help in many of our activities. Thanks to All!

Certificate and a gift card was presented to each of these four Knights at the Installation of Officers on the 21st of September.

Tom Sutera

Youth Activities

PACK 999-The Cub Scouts annual popcorn drive began with the pack meeting of 9/17. Their goal for this year is \$16,000. The cub scouts will be selling the popcorn throughout the neighborhoods as well as the Bel Air Shopping Centers in an effort to raise funds for their pack. The Council chipped in and made a \$40 donation to help kick off the drive. If a cub scout knocks on your door, please consider a small donation to show your support.

On 9/20 Troop 999 will join the pack for overnight camping at Elkridge State Park. The troop will give instruction to the cubs on building safe camp fires, whittling, knife sharpening, lashing and other basic scouting techniques. This is part of an on-going effort to recruit webeloes into the scout troop.

The Pack Leaders visited several schools in the district to recruit new members into scouting. Although they could not recruit specifically for Pack 999, they informed interested youngsters about scouting. Some of the schools visited were Forrest Hill, Red Pump, and Hickory.

On October 26, the cub pack will hold its annual Cubmobile Races. This event will start at 9am on Newport Drive. Fellow knights are encouraged to come out to this event and cheer the scouts to victory. This should be a fun event for the spectators as well as the race participants.

TROOP 999-The Safety Day Presentation at Chik-Fil-A has been postponed indefinitely due to conflicting schedules.

A Court of Honor was held at the troop meeting on 9/10. Seven scouts received 23 awards and merit badges. Cameron Blomquist received a special award for World Conservation.

During the meeting of 9/10 Josh Card was elected Senior Patrol Leader for the 2014-2015 year.

During late September and October, the scouts will work on the Eagle Projects for which the Bel Air Council will benefit. One project objective is to create a bulkhead to prevent further erosion to the embankment behind the scout's shed. There is no expense to the council as the scout is funding the project. Also the picnic tables will be refurbished and the grounds around the tables are to be weeded, mulched and the landscape border is to be replaced.

Anyone interested in working with the youth of our community is invited to call Joe Pisani at 443-955-9428 for information. We are also organizing youth sports activities such as the soccer shoot out and the basketball free throw.

Joe Pisani

Community Activities

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 am. 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

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

Perry Point Program

We will once again be looking for help on the first Sunday of October (5th) 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

Public Rosary Rally

Please join us in praying at a "Public Rosary Rally", sponsored by "America Needs Fatima". This rally will be one of 12,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States of America. Our rally will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 12:00 noon at St Mary Magdalen Mission property on Churchville Road which is Route 22. We will be praying the Rosary in front of the ranch house near the mission sign, which is on the left side of the Mission entrance, rain or shine. All parking will be on the Mission campus parking lot. Please no parking on Route 22 or in driveways of residents. The intention of this Rosary is to pray for our Nation, Peace, Our Catholic Church, those who suffer persecution, and personal intentions. Call Mary Jane Zarachowicz, Captain for this rally, (410) 638-9864 if you have any questions.

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

At our September business meeting we discussed and voted on the changes in the Rules and By-Laws, our budget, and the activities planned for the coming fraternal year. The updated telephone tree was distributed and the revised membership roster and rules and by-laws will be given out as soon as possible. On September 20 several of our ladies met at Perry Point VA Hospital and volunteered at their annual Indoor Picnic. Everyone had a lot of fun. The Vets got loads of free goodies, played games and won prizes. Good time.

Our Christmas Party will be held Dec. 14 at Giovanni's Restaurant, 2101 Pulaski Hwy, Edgewood, MD 21040. Price is \$33 per person and due by October 14th (CLSO business meeting) Questions? Call Sharon DiMatteo 410-879-7633.

The F.I.E.L.D.S. Christmas party will be held Dec. 18 at the Council Home. If you would like to help, please be there by 5 pm.

We received thank you letters from Fr. Schlepner and Fr. Francik for our donations to their Faith Formation programs. Our designated charity for September was The Little Sisters of the Poor.

Please pray for Joan Keenan and Norma Miller. They have requested our prayers. Good News! Pat Rebbert's infant grandson, Ares, has completely recovered and has gained weight, Steve Conley our

GK is up and about and much better after his knee operation, and Fr. Joseph Simmons received a pacemaker and is recovering nicely. Please say a Thank You Jesus prayer for these favors granted.

I want to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday Oct. 11, at Noon at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 1716 Churchville Road, Bel Air, MD 21015. This Public Square Rosary sponsored by America Needs Fatima will be one of over 12,000 rallies that will take place all across the USA on Oct 11, 2014. Please come and join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion and safety of the US and for world peace. In case of inclement weather please bring an umbrella. Oct 13 is the 97th anniversary of the miracle of the sun at Fatima.

In 1917 (during WWI) Our Lady of Fatima said, “God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end: but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on five First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”

Our Saint for October is St. Francis Assisi and our color is Orange. Our next CLSO business meeting will be October 14, 7 PM see you there.

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

Reflections

Conquer We Will – The Changing Tide

Part 1 (repeated from last month)

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.

Part 2

After almost 42 years of persistent efforts to abolish legalized abortion in this country, societal trends are in support of pro-life. Rising favorable public opinion, the steady closing of abortion facilities, aging and fewer abortionists, more restrictive state laws, expanding numbers of pregnancy care centers, and significant numbers of young people participating in pro-life events are some of the gains that have been made. Now is the time to expand these efforts to achieve a complete victory.

Every Knight, every Catholic, every person who believes life begins at conception should be involved. Some people may take full-time, very public roles. Others may do things occasionally, as their time permits. Still others may show their support in symbolic, but important ways. There are innumerable opportunities to advance the pro-life movement, with activities that can match every individual's time, temperament and ability.

Some may choose an activity that is dramatic and creative. Missy Smith, a pro-life activist, for example, qualified in 2010 as a candidate from Washington, D.C. for the U.S. House of Representatives. As such, network TV stations in that jurisdiction were legally obligated to broadcast her campaign messages. She ran two ads numerous times showing the realities of abortion that the stations would not have aired under other conditions.

Or your involvement may be less unique, but of equal importance. For the physically active, you can help erect in publicly-visible locations monuments to the unborn, either permanent ones as have been built on many church grounds, or temporary displays. In Maryland alone, the Knights of Columbus have erected cemeteries of the innocents, consisting of 721 crosses to represent aborted children, over 260 times in various locations throughout the state. You can participate in marches for life, either at national, state or local levels. You can attend a ceremony at a cemetery where the unborn have been buried on the

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children each September.

You can bear prayerful witness at abortion clinics, as organized each spring and fall by 40 Days for Life, or in a Life Chain in October, or at other public-witness gatherings. Those who prefer visual displays can participate in events aimed at educating the public through Face the Truth Tours sponsored by Defend Life, or in the Genocide Awareness Project organized on college campuses by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. To mix in a little fun, volunteer help at pro-life booths at state and county fairs. And for the young and fit, you can participate in one of three pro-life walks across America organized each summer by Crossroads.

You can support pro-life legislation, write your congressmen, distribute pro-life literature, assist in a campaign for a pro-life candidate, and vote. You can contribute to ultrasound programs such as sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, for highway billboards erected by Pro-life Across America, and for the placing of pro-life ads in local newspapers. You can volunteer at a pregnancy care center, donate baby clothing and equipment, or assist in other needed ways. Knights of Columbus councils can create linkages with local pregnancy care centers to provide a wide range of volunteer and monetary assistance. You can aid women who choose to have their babies with housing and sustenance through the Gabriel Project, and aid women and men cope with the emotional distress that often follows an abortion through Project Rachael. You can join a pro-life group in church or club in school. You can donate to Live Action, an organization which exposes the inner workings of the abortion business through undercover activities, or Operation Rescue, which persistently brings the shoddy operations of abortionists to the attention of health and regulatory authorities.

If none of these opportunities suits your temperament, you can display your support for pro-life by wearing a tee shirt with a pro-life message, placing a pro-life bumper sticker on your car, affixing seals with pro-life messages to letters you mail, or simply putting a precious-feet pin on your lapel. There is a role for everyone.

In addition to public action, prayer is essential. Remember the fight against abortion is a spiritual battle being waged in a temporal arena. Organize and attend pro-life Masses, pray the Rosary, say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy -- Pope John Paul II granted a papal blessing in 2003 for those who say the chaplet for an end to abortion -- participate in the International Week of Prayer and Fasting held each fall, or attend a Holy Hour for the unborn.

Will eliminating legalized abortion be easy? No! Will it be quick? No! Martin Haskell, the co-inventor of partial birth abortion, recently closed his clinic in Ohio after operating for 32 years, due to persistent prayer and pro-life effort. The Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facility in Bryan, Texas, which was the stimulus for creating 40 Days for Life, was closed in 2013 after 14 years of relentless praying, fasting and public witness -- but close it did. And, fight we must.

You may think, what can I do? I am only one person. I cannot change the country or even my community. Yes, you can! William Wilberforce, a member of Parliament, waged a 20-year battle that eliminated the slave trade in England in 1807. Rosa Parks, a seamstress in a local department store in Montgomery, Alabama, became a national symbol for the effort to end segregation when she refused to "move to the back of the bus" in 1955. Mother Angelica, a cloistered nun with no business or technical experience, began a worldwide television and radio network. God never asks us to win battles, only to do our best in combatting evil.

No one can do everything that is needed to establish a culture of life in this nation, but everyone can do something. Be involved. Have courage. Have faith. Have hope. The battle for life will be won. As Francis Scott Key so aptly wrote in the last stanza of the Star Spangled Banner:

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence P. Grayson



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