



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight's Message



I want to wish you a Very Merry and wonderful Christmas Season.

My favorite Christmas movie is 1947 version of: "The Bishop's Wife" The movie ends with a great sermon which I would like to share with you.

Tonight I want to tell you the story of an empty stocking.

Once upon a midnight clear, there was a child's cry, a blazing star hung over a stable, and wise men came with birthday gifts. We haven't forgotten that night down the centuries. We celebrate it with stars on Christmas trees, with the sound of bells, and with gifts.

But especially with gifts. You give me a book, I give you a tie. Aunt Martha has always wanted an orange squeezer and Uncle Henry can do with a new pipe. For we forget nobody, adult or child. All the stockings are filled, all that is, except one. And we have even forgotten to hang it up. The stocking for the child born in a manger. It's his birthday we're celebrating. Don't let us ever forget that.

Let us ask ourselves what He would wish for most. And then, let each put in his share, loving kindness, warm hearts, and a stretched out hand of tolerance. All the shinning gifts that make peace on earth.

Being able to watch each of you as members of Bel Air Council is a wonderful gift. It amazes me how much we get done together. I want to thank each of you for doing what you do in support of our Council. I also want to ask that each of you to give the gift of being a Knight to another Catholic Gentlemen this month. The Knights of Columbus is the only organization where you can support the Church and live your faith. Is there a better gift to give? Keep Christ in Christmas and enable another Catholic Gentlemen to experience what keeping Christ in your heart by living your faith feels like. What a blessed New Year we will have. Again, thank you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,

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District Deputy

LuAnne and I wish all the families in the district a blessed Advent and Christmas 2014. May God bless your Family during this most holy time of the year.

Since my last update, we've had two degrees in the district at St. Ignatius and Bel Air Council. We had an opportunity to welcome four new brothers to our order. I give a tip of the cap to Mason Dixon Council who had two candidates at the St. Ignatius degree with their GK, DGK, FS and proposer in attendance along with the district deputy and district warden. They've set a great example for all of us on how brothers should be welcomed to our order.

I want to congratulate Bishop Becker Council on conducting a terrific soccer shoot-out. Eleven participants went to the state shoot-out on November 2 and seven of the participants placed well enough to earn a trophy. Thanks to Tom Mulkerne of Bishop Becker Council for organizing the event at the council/district level and to District Warden Dave Meneghini for representing the district at the state event.

The state fall meeting in Cumberland was a great opportunity for me to network with District Deputies from the entire state and pick up some good ideas about how other districts and councils are doing. While membership is also a priority topic at these type meetings, I was impressed by the excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and recognize good works that are being done. One of my most vivid and lasting impressions is just how important sincere enthusiasm, energetic leadership, teamwork and persistence are to having a successful membership program. We would all do well to take measure of ourselves and do what we can to invite our brother Catholic men to join us during the Advent and Christmas season.

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

State Events

- Sunday, December 14 - NYC bus trip with Radio Music City Hall show (Pat Ruckle, PGK is the chairman) - waiting list only.

District Events

- Tuesday, December 2 - 1st degree at Corpus Christi Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 6 - 1st degree at Bel Air Council - Candidates at 7:30 p.m.

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Events

- Thursday, December 11 (7:00 p.m.) St. Agnes Council #4449 - Baltimore Chapter Christmas Party 2021 Frederick Rd.; Catonsville, MD 21228

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Council Activities

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 name drawn at the November meeting was John Morrissey and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the December 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 Edie Krebs. Remember in your prayers the deceased brothers Tom O'Hara, William Collins, and James Eberwine.

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

A Note from Your Financial Secretary

Early during the month of December, I will be sending out your dues invoices. Dues this year will remain at the same \$32.00 as it has been for the last several years. I encourage you to return the upper portion of the invoice with your payment in the provided, preaddressed, envelope to me as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your payment, I will return that portion marked "Paid" for your receipt and your new

Membership Card will also be enclosed. Between 30 and 45 days following that "first notice", if your account has not been paid up, a "second notice" will be sent. About a month following the "second notice", a "Knight Alert" Letter will be sent out. As you can see, delays in making your payment will cost the Council for additional mailings. These rules are from Supreme and not the Councils'. Please try to be prompt. Once again, if you have a problem in making your payment, please call me at (410) 638-1096 to discuss and we may be able to provide a more suitable arrangement.

Hope to see you at a future meeting. Thank you!

Tom Sutera, FS

Youth Activities

PACK 999

Webeloes I, Den 2 had the honor of the flag presentation at the October Pack meeting. Each den then presented a short skit, song, or show and tell.

Cubmobile races were held on Sunday, October 26 on Newport Drive. The event began at 9:00am on a beautiful Fall morning which had 26 cubs participating. Each cub was allowed to run three heats to determine the best of the pack. The top three winners were Dakota Garcia with best time of 26.01, Rocky Gensel took 2nd best at 26.705 and Matthew Botteon took 3rd place at 27.17. Congratulations to all the youngsters who participated in this event.

The November meeting will include awards for the recent popcorn drive and cubmobile trophies. Pine wood derby weigh-in will be held on December 17 and 18 at the Council Hall. The derby is scheduled for January 10 at the Church of the Nazarene.

TROOP 999

Due to the cancelled camping trip with Pack 999 webeloes on November 8, the Troop cleaned up their shed. The troop held their regular weekly meetings during the month at which they discussed upcoming

events such as Icicle Camp Out (January) and the Northern Tier Trip to Minnesota in February.

Joe Pisani

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 December (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.

Christmas is another time of need at Perry Point. It is requested that all Councils in the District send volunteers to aid the patients during this Holy Day. If you are able, you will find this experience very rewarding.

Tom Sutera

FIELDS Christmas Party

The annual FIELDS Christmas Party will be December 18th starting at 6:30 pm.

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Culture of Life Program

Alzheimer's Walk - The council's team, KC4714, had 11 registered walkers who raised \$4073 through friends, relatives, co-workers, fellow Knights, and self-donations. The Council donated \$685, one week's proceeds from bingo, to the cause. Several individuals contributed to the cause on their own and/or requested donations.

The walk was held on November 1 under gray skies and a cold, light rain. Despite the less than ideal conditions, 10 walkers completed the 2.5 mile course. The unique aspect of this event is that it is considered a Culture of Life activity and so broadens that category beyond the traditional support to the unborn and focuses on the opposite end of the natural life

spectrum. The Alzheimer's program has become the second largest charity fundraiser by the Council, second only to the Tootsie Roll drive. The program is now in its fourth year and its scope while expanding is still relatively modest and holds promise for expansion in the future. Plan on joining us next year.

Richard Belmonte

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hi Everybody!

Christmas is right around the corner and the CLSO is busy with celebrations, fundraising and volunteer projects. Our annual Christmas Party at Giovanni's is scheduled for December 7.

Then our annual Bob Evans Fundraiser will be held December 8 (Monday) 10AM to 10PM. This is one of our major fundraisers. We need your support. Please join us at the Bel Air Bob Evans Restaurant (across from Festival Shopping Center) for a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner or all three! Bob Evans will contribute 15% of each order accompanied with a flyer. You may eat-in or carry out, but you must present a flyer with your payment for CLSO to get the donation. We will also be raffling off two beautiful baskets valued at over \$150 filled with a bottle of wine, hand painted wine glasses, Yankee candles, Christmas décor items and \$25 gift certificates from fine grocers such as Harvest Fare, Shop Rite and Weiss Markets, holiday appetizers, a lovely serving dish and other goodies. The raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. See Sharon DiMatteo for tickets or call me at 410-676-2862 for tickets.

Our next meeting will be December 9 at 7 PM at the Council home. We will be having a cookie swap. Bring your favorite cookies and the recipe (if it's not a family secret) to share. Should be yummy fun.

In January we will be having Soup Night. There will be a prize for the best soup.

Ladies, if you are not a member, but would like to join in the fun, please feel free to stop in. We'd love to have you.

In behalf of all our wonderful ladies I wish everybody a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless!

Dee Kozlowski, President CLSO

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